



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the WOODGATE Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
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b. Mailing Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing Parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

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- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
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If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☒ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

Alder Creek



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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

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☒ Shopping

Wal Mart; Big M, Kinneys - Boonville

☐ Personal needs

☒ Banking

Boonville

☒ Employment

Utica

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

BCross

Address:

1022 Birch Rd Woodgate, NY 13494

Telephone:

Date:

5/13/11

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This Post office provides a sense of community for
Woodgate and summer residents on White Lake — Don't close
please.
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☐ Shopping N/A
☒ Personal needs clinic
☐ Banking N/A
☐ Employment N/A
☐ Social needs N/A

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name: Doris Mallet

Address: 134 Spruce Road

Telephone: (315) 392-6418

Date: 5/10/11

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Shopping



Personal needs



Banking



Employment



Social needs

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Yes



No

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Yes



No

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Shopping

WALMART MAYBE EVERY OTHER MONTH



Personal needs

DR. APP? EVERY 6 MONTHS - UTICA



Banking

OLD FORGE OCCASIONALLY - BANK BY MAIL MOSTLY



Employment



Social needs

OTTER LAKE

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?



Yes



No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?



Yes



No

Name:

SHARON WINCHEK

Address:

P.O. Box #3 Woodgate, N.Y. 13494

Telephone:

315 763 4040

Date:

5-12-11

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If yes, please explain:

ASSIST ELDERLY WITH POSTAL NEEDS

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
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☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

6. COMMENTS CONTINUED:

WE ARE IN OUR '10'S. WE DO NOT USE A COMPUTER. WE USE THE FULL RESOURCES OF THE POST OFFICE. PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW THE CHART PRESENTATION BY THE YOUNG GENTLEMEN AT THE MEETING OF 5/12/14 - 2:00 P.M. - WITH POSTAL REPRESENTATIVES REFERENCE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE THEUDARA, OLD FORGE, EAGLE BAY AND INLET POST OFFICES. AND THE DELIVERY BY POST TO 'HALLS' RESIDENTS. THANK YOU



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If yes, please explain: PRESENT SERVICE IS EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND CONVENIENT. INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AS TO ONE'S SCHEDULE FOR FORESTPORT OFFICE POSTAL BUSINESS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN AND COORDINATE FOR ENTIRE POSTAL CUSTOMERS OF THE WOODGATE AND OTTER LAKE AREA.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- ☒ Shopping - BOONVILLE, N.Y. } WEEKLY TRAVEL DUE TO DISTANCE AND COST OF FUEL FOR TRANSPORTATION
- ☒ Personal needs - BOONVILLE, N.Y. } COORDINATED WITH SHOPPING
- ☒ Banking VIA MAIL - WOODGATE POST OFFICE
- ☐ Employment
- ☒ Social needs - BOONVILLE, N.Y. } COORDINATED WITH SHOPPING

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name: DONALD PAPROCK & JOANNE PAPROCK

Address: P.O. Box 118 - WOODGATE, NY 13494

Telephone: _____

Date: 5/11/11

6. **COMMENTS:**

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MY WOODGATE POST OFFICE IS A DAILY ROUND TRIP OF 4 MILES OR A TOTAL OF 24 MILES PER WEEK AS COMPARED TO THE NEXT NEAREST FORESTPORT POST OFFICE BEING A DAILY ROUND TRIP OF 18 MILES OR A TOTAL OF 108 MILES PER WEEK. GASOLINE FUEL IS HIGH IN PRICE, OR \$6.16 PER YEAR, IN PARTICULAR FOR FOLKS ON A FIXED INCOME.

FOR THE POSTAL CUSTOMERS OF OTTER LAKE THEIR YEARLY TRAVEL DISTANCE TO THE FORESTPORT POST OFFICE WOULD BE 8736 MILES.

HOW FAR DO YOU TRAVEL FOR YOUR MAIL PUT YOURSELF IN OUR PLACE. THANK YOU



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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board

☐ YES ☒ NO NOT ALLOWED!

- e. Other

☐ YES ☐ NO

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TRAVEL 14 MILES FOR SERVICE DAILY!

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Name: HAZEL SEARS

Address: P. O. Box 46

Telephone: 392-5876

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MASONIC Home CAMP

Name: ^{C/O} Andrew Croniser

A Dawn Croniser

Address: 6461 Round Lake Rd. Woodgate NY 13494

Telephone: (315) 392-2422

Date: May 12th, 2011

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Name:

Donald E. Graff

Address:

P.O. Box 142, Woodgate, N.Y. 13494

Telephone:

315-392-3839

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Other Postal Services

a. Entering permit mailings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Resetting/using postage meter	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

Nonpostal Services

a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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If yes, please explain: _____

d. Using public bulletin board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
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If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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If yes, please explain: _____



3. If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How will the proposed service compare to current service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☒ Worse

If yes, please explain:

I DO NOT WANT TO DRIVE
18 MILES EVERY DAY TO USE A
POST OFFICE. I AM A BUSINESS.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?



Shopping

BOONVILLE



Personal needs



Banking

BOONVILLE



Employment

WOODGATE



Social needs

NORWICH + RUSSIA

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?



Yes



No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?



Yes



No

Name:

JOHN SLIDE

Address:

234 LITTLE LONG LAKE ROAD, WOODGATE.

Telephone:

315-392-4508

Date:

MAY 12, 2011

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

LETTER ATTACHED.

DEAR UNCLE SAM,

I AM AN AMERICAN CROSS-ROADS RURAL POST OFFICE NAMED WOODGATE, NEW YORK, AND NOW ABOUT ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD. GUESS I AM A SUPER SENIOR CITIZEN.

OF ALL THE LETTERS I HAVE HANDLED OVER THE YEARS, THIS IS THE FIRST I HAVE WRITTEN AND, FITTINGLY, IT IS TO YOU, UNCLE SAM, WHOM I AM PROUD TO HAVE SERVED SO LONG WITHOUT CRITICISM.

THIS IS A PLEA FOR MY LIFE OF SERVICE TO BE CONTINUED AND EXPANDED WITH EVEN MORE FACILITIES LIKE MINE THROUGH THE ISOLATED REGIONS OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY--GIVING EMPLOYMENT AND THE PERSONAL CONSIDERATION SO LACKING IN GOVERNMENT TODAY. NO ONE CAN TALK TO A COMPUTER, A RURAL BOX NUMBER OR A ZIP CODE.

IT SEEMS THAT YOU HAVE, TEMPORARILY, I HOPE, RELEGATED THE OPERATION OF THE POSTAL SERVICE TO AN AUTHORITY OTHER THAN YOURSELF, WHICH BELIEVES THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE MONEY IS TO CLOSE POST OFFICES FOR COMPUTERIZED REASONS THEY DEVISE OR WHEN A FAITHFUL POST MASTER RETIRES AFTER MANY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE.

POST OFFICES WEREN'T ESTABLISHED TO BE PROFIT MAKING ENTERPRISES ANYMORE THAN THE UNITED STATES ARMY OR NAVY, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS OR THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE PURPOSE WAS TO BE A NON-POLITICAL PUBLIC SERVICE OPERATED WITH THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY. LATELY, THIS HAS BEEN TERRIBLY LACKING IN THE TYPE OF SERVICE RENDERED NATIONALLY.

THROUGH INNUMERABLE WARS AND HARD TIMES, NOTABLY WORLD WAR I AND WORLD WAR II, THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE 1930's AND OTHER ADVERSITIES, THE POSTAL SERVICE HAS FUNCTIONED COMMENDABLY AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. NO ONE EVER SUGGESTED CLOSING POST OFFICES TO SAVE MONEY EVEN THOUGH THE MOST TRYING CONDITIONS WERE ENDURED.

WHEN A POST OFFICE IS CLOSED FOREVER, MORE THAN THE MAIL SERVICE GOES WITH IT***THIS IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE COMMUNITY--THE TIE THAT BINDS US TO OUR NATION'S GOVERNMENT, WHICH CANNOT BE COMMERCIALY EVALUATED. BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REASONS, IDEALTH, DISTANCE, OCCUPATIONS, THE LOCAL POST OFFICE IS THE ONLY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE FEDERAL OPERATION MANY WILL HAVE IN THEIR LIVES.

THERE IS A CERTAIN FEELING TO THE DAILY RITUAL OF 'GOING FOR THE MAIL', WHETHER BY FOOT, BOAT, HORSE OR CAR, WHICH CAN'T BE DESCRIBED**IT IS AN INNER SENSE OF BELONGING, PARTICIPATING, PATRIOTISM MAYBE, AS THE AMERICAN FLAG IS VIEWED OVER THE DOOR OF THE LOCAL POST OFFICE EVEN THOUGH IT BE IN THE GENERAL STORE USUALLY, AS WELL. MANY OF THE ISSUES OF THE DAY, NATIONAL AND LOCAL, ARE DISCUSSED AND DECIDED RIGHT HERE.

IN THIS REGARD, I HAVE OFTEN THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE THE IDEA OF INSTALLING SUGGESTION BOXES IN YOUR POST OFFICES FOR DIRECT CONTACT WITH OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ON A FREE MAIL BASIS--MUCH THE SAME AS THEY WRITE MY PATRONS FOR DIRECTION AND OPINIONS.

THE POSTAL PATRONS CONTRIBUTE TAXES TO THE OPERATION OF ALL THE FEDERAL SERVICES, MOST OF WHICH THEY WILL NEVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OR TIME TO ENJOY BUT ARE GLAD TO SUPPORT.

THE LOCAL POST MASTER IS TO THE COMMUNITY AS THE CAPTAIN IS TO A SHIP, A MINISTER OR PRIEST TO HIS CONGREGATION, THE KLAN MOTHER TO THE INDIANS AND CERTAINLY HAS SAVED MANY A TRIP TO A PSYCHIATRIST BY A SUSTAINING WORD OF CHEER TO THE LONELY, EXTENDING A HELPING HAND IN TIMES OF SORROW, TRIAL AND TRAGEDY. THE POST OFFICE IS THE HEART OF THE HAMLET, WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE TO RALLY THE SPIRIT AND ENDEAVORS.

THEY TELL ME THAT AMERICA IS TWO HUNDRED YEARS OLD NOW--ONLY ONE HUNDRED MORE THAN ME. I SUSPECT SOME OF MY BROTHER POST OFFICES MAY BE ORIGINATED IN THE COLONIAL TIMES. DO NOT EVER FORGET THAT IT WAS THE SPIRIT OF PIONEERS, WHICH ESTABLISHED, SUSTAINED AND PERPETUATED THE POSTAL SYSTEM THROUGH ALL KINDS OF CONDITIONS AND TIMES. CAN YOU DO LESS TODAY? COMMUNICATION, AS WELL AS A FREE PRESS, ARE THE BEDROCKS OF A FREE DEMOCRACY.

THE CLOSING OF A POST OFFICE IS A MORTAL BLOW TO THE HAMLETS AND SMALL TOWNS.

AMERICA NEEDS EVERY HAMLET AND CROSS ROADS SETTLEMENT STILL--THEY ARE THE TENDRILS OF DEMOCRACY AND THE LOCAL POST OFFICE IS THE BEST PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTACT YOU EVER COULD HAVE--REMEMBER AGAIN, UNCLE SAM, NO ONE CAN TALK TO A COMPUTER.

YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT,

WOODGATE RURAL POST OFFICE

WOODGATE, NEW YORK

PS WHILE A COMPUTER CAN'T TALK, THINK OR VOTE, IT SURE CAN FOUL UP AND MISDIRECT THE MAIL.

composed by Helen Jane Panella, Woodgate resident

TOWN OF FORESTPORT PLANNING BOARD
FORESTPORT, NEW YORK - 13338



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May 10, 2011

United States Postal Service
c/o Brian Shepardson
Manager, Post Office Operations
30 Karner Road
Albany, NY 12288-9992

RE: Woodgate Post Office

Dear Mr. Shepardson:

Forestport is the largest Town geographically in Oneida County. The entire northern half of the township relies on the Woodgate Post Office. Not only does this facility provide postal service to the hamlets of Woodgate, White Lake and Otter Lake, but it also caters to the large volume of mail generated by both seasonal owners and three large Summer Youth Camps. It is the primary hub of the community on which the Library, Fire Department (revenue source) and the local businesses rely.

Without the Woodgate Post Office the average household mileage to the Forestport Post Office would exceed 4,000 annual miles at an average cost of \$845.00 per postal user.

It is the opinion of the Town of Forestport Planning Board that elimination of the Woodgate Post Office would not only deprive half the town of accessible Postal service, but also in effect, eliminate the essential social-economic hub that the Woodgate Post Office provides to the area's entire population.

The Planning Board further feels that if expenses must be cut, consideration should be given to the closing of the Alder Creek Post Office. This facility is located less than two miles from the Forestport Post Office, is less profitable than Woodgate and serves a much smaller area.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Town of Forestport Planning Board

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TOWN OF FORESTPORT

FORESTPORT, NEW YORK - 13338

William Hasenauer, Supervisor
12012 Woodhull Road
PO Box 137
Forestport, NY 13338
315-392-2801 ext. 2
Townofforestport.org



May 10, 2011

United States Postal Service
c/o Brian Shepardson
Manager, Post Office Operations
30 Karner Road
Albany, NY 12288-9992

RE: Woodgate Post Office

Dear Mr. Shepardson:

After much discussion with many concerned citizens of the Town of Forestport, myself and the Town Board feel that the closing of the Woodgate Post Office would be detrimental to the Town in many ways.

Not only will the citizens of the northern half of the Town of Forestport suffer financially, they will suffer socially. Closing the Woodgate Post Office would create a financial burden to the average postal customer by causing them to drive approximately 4,000 more miles annually at an average cost of over \$800.00 annually. Socially, the Woodgate Post Office is the "hub" of the community. People who visit the Post Office for means of doing business usually are stopping at other local businesses to or from the Post Office. The Library located adjacent to the Post Office relies on the postal customers to visit and use the Library as a great source of information. By closing the Post Office the Library would also suffer financially. The Library and the Post Office share a well and without the Post Office the Library would have to suffer the financial burden of drilling a new well.

The Woodgate Volunteer Fire Department would suffer financially as they rely on the Postal Service to lease the building from them. The Fire Department uses the lease money to purchase new equipment. With the loss of income to the Fire Department, the local taxpayer will again have to make up the difference.

During the summer months, the Woodgate Post Office is visited daily by three large Summer Youth Camps (picking up and sending mail) along with many seasonal residents who have relied on the Woodgate Post Office for many years to provide them with a Postal Service. The Bulletin Board outside the Post Office is used by a wide variety of people to present various types of information to the community – many times you will see people gathered around the bulletin board catching up on the current information. Socially, this is great for our community.

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The Town Board feels that absolutely nothing would be gained by closing the Woodgate Post Office. Our local taxpayers would have to, once again, dig deeper into their pockets incurring yet another financial burden. How many more financial burdens can our taxpayers handle?

Sincerely,



William Hasenauer
Town of Forestport Supervisor

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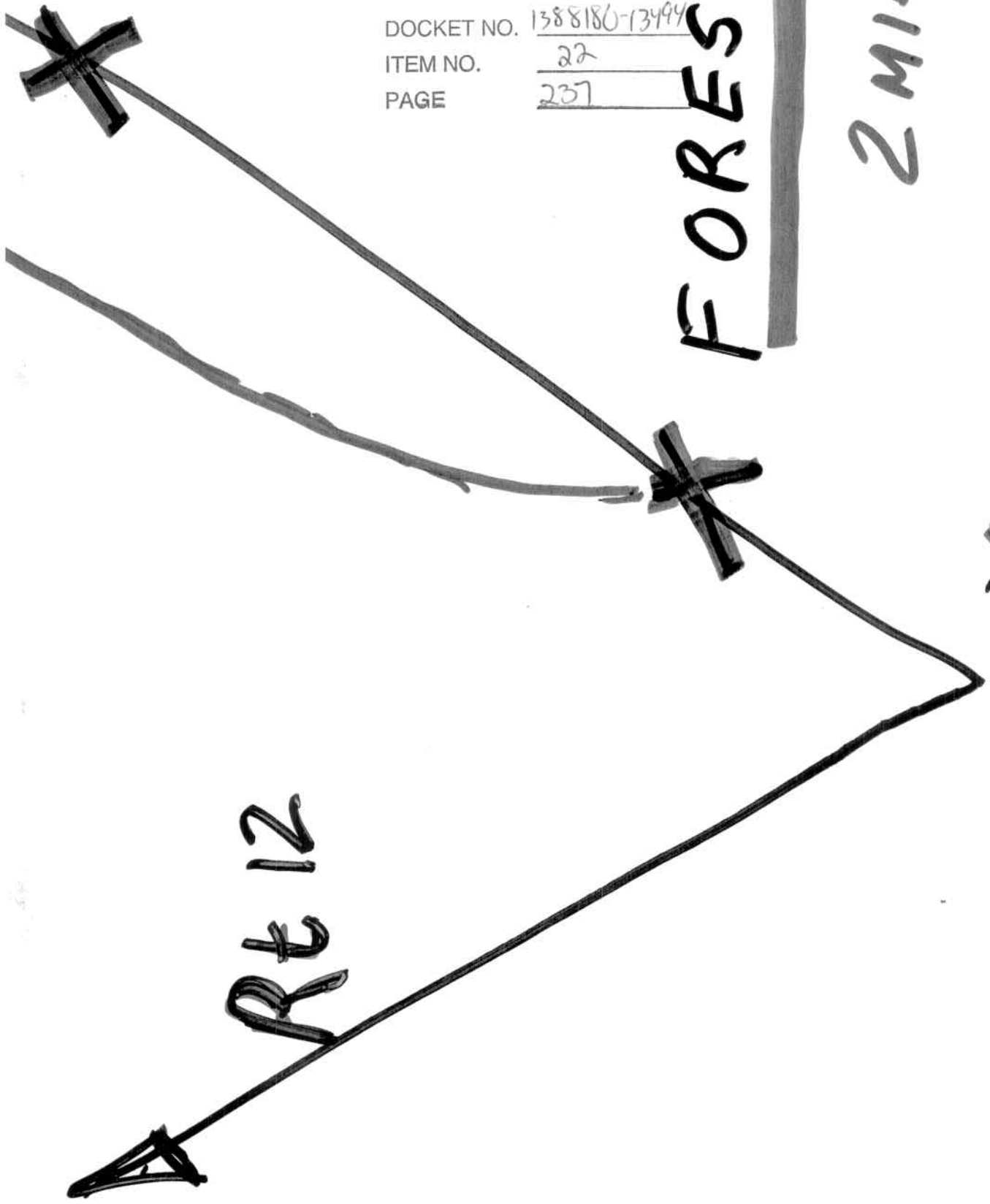
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Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the WOODGATE Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
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b. Mailing Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing Parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other Postal Services

a. Entering permit mailings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Resetting/using postage meter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

Nonpostal Services

a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Using for school bus stop	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

If yes, please explain:

d. Using public bulletin board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
e. Other	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

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If yes, please explain:



3. If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How will the proposed service compare to current service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping wherever I can (Boonville, Lowville, Old Forge, Utica)

☐ Personal needs

☒ Banking try to do from home - otherwise Utica or Old Forge

☐ Employment home school - work from home

☒ Social needs depends

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name: Karen Beck

Address: 10850 Woodgate Road Woodgate, NY 13494

Telephone: 315-392-2072

Date: 5-11-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

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The next nearest post office is seven miles away which would make for a fourteen mile round trip to be able to do any necessary postal errands.

As a single mom, that extra expense of time and money in gas would be detrimental to myself and my family.

Thank you,
Karen Bech



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

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Other Postal Services

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Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☒ YES ☐ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:



3. If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How will the proposed service compare to current service?

☐ Better ☐ Just as Good ☐ No Opinion ☒ Worse

If yes, please explain: Seasonal homeowner - need to have mail in
secure location while not in area

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping Boonville
☐ Personal needs
☐ Banking
☐ Employment
☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No Unsure

Name: The Hobbs

Address: PO Box 215 Woodgate Ky 13494

Telephone: 315-392-5505

Date: 5/11/11

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

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☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping

Boonville

☒ Personal needs

Boonville

☒ Banking

Boonville

☒ Employment

Boonville

☒ Social needs

Utica

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Sulene Taylor

Address:

6120 Rogers Road Woodgate NY 13494

Telephone:

315 3924424

Date:

MAY 13 2011

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:



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☒ Shopping

☒ Personal needs

☒ Banking

☒ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Carol Fred BOWA

Address:

5045 Elmwood RD Woodbury NY 13494

Telephone:

315-290-8686

Date:

5-13-11

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We would like to continue having
my mail delivered. If that means
the post office stays open
we would definitely want it
open

Sincerely
Carol Bowler



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

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d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:



3. If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How will the proposed service compare to current service?

☒ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?



Shopping



Personal needs



Banking



Employment



Social needs

Boonville & Rome, NY

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?



Yes



No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?



Yes



No

Name:

SUSAN J. HUTCHINS

Address:

14086 ST. RT. 28, OTTER LAKE, FORESTPORT, NY 13338

Telephone:

Date:

5/13/11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

5/13/11

Additional Comments: WOODGATE POST OFFICE

1. I do not keep a lot of cash on hand so I use my credit card at the Post office for stamps (usually a roll of 100), mailing packages with a delivery Confirmation. I do not believe my rural carrier will process a credit card purchase.
2. When I take my mail to the Woodgate post office, I'm sure it's transmittal is safe and will be sent immediately. I don't know the rural carrier's routine.
3. I prefer to not leave my bill payments sitting in my mail box with the red flag up. We heard many, many times on TV "the red flag is an invitation to thieves". Without the Woodgate post office I believe that my mail could be compromised and vulnerable to thieves.
4. Sometimes a post mark is important. At the Woodgate Post office my mail is postmarked in front of me when I request it.

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5. Especially in the Winter, I use my trips to the Woodgate Post Office from Otter Lake, to keep my car in good running condition. The trip gives the oil & fluids a chance to circulate properly & benefits my cars performance.
6. The Forestport Post office is further away and one has to brake sharply at the bottom of a big hill to get to their location, I do not go that way in the Winter.

I hope you will not close the Woodgate Post Office.

Sincerely
Susan J. Hutchins

14086 STATE RT. 28
OTTER LAKE
FORESTPORT, NY 13338

P.S. This is not a fair time of year to get a response to this matter as many, many people from Otter Lake, Woodgate, Forestport, etc. have not yet returned from spending the Winter in warmer, Southern States.



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Other Postal Services

a. Entering permit mailings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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Nonpostal Services

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If yes, please explain:

d. Using public bulletin board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
e. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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If yes, please explain:

to pick up our mail from Forestport would
require a 20 mile round trip by car. (Please see
#3 on previous page.) Actually, this trip
Following
would be required for all Postal Services.
No money would be saved

*an empty building
would be a detriment
to our community
(Woodgate)*

*I ~~definitely~~
definitely*

*oppose the
moving of our
Post Office
Not applicable to
Forestport*

No Such Services
provided

Meeting other
community residents

*Will our
Zip Code
Change?
This could
cause
mix-ups
in important
mail
Both sending
and receiving*



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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☒ Worse

If yes, please explain:

Totally inconvenient: 20 mile trip with high gas prices, weather-related issues, mail boxes buried under snow, mail boxes exposed to theft

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?



Shopping

Local Store



Personal needs

Boonville / weather



Banking

Boonville / permitting



Employment

My own home



Social needs

Season's Cafe, local store, White Lake Twp

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?



Yes



No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?



Yes



No

Name:

Luann Bowen

Address:

P.O. Box 145 Woodgate, NY 13494

Telephone:

315-1392-2289

Date:

5/5/11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

There seems to be no need for a postmaster in Woodgate. The two ladies who service the Woodgate P.O. are very capable of continuing to serve our community. Both provide us with community news, important because we have no publication in the area.

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

Please do not close this post office. With the price of gas, etc, it would be hard to drive 10 or 15 miles for the post office. Also with the amount of snow we get, it would be hard to keep a mailbox shoveled out.

Karen Dewyer

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Keep the Woodgate Post Office!



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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

e. Other ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

Community meeting place

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

While Forestport may be 7 miles from Woodgate, that is 7 more miles everyone will have to travel to get their mail. Very few live within walking distance of the Woodgate P.O. and, therefore, must drive. With today's gas prices...

Also, with today's gas prices, it would not seem to be cost effective to have a rural carrier drive all over the Woodgate P.O. area from Forestport.

How can we expect to use the rural carrier when they don't always come at the same time - and they are not available for emergency trips to P.O.



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If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

The next nearest Post Office is over 10 miles each way in any direction.



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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

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Shopping

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Personal needs

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Banking

Utica / Syracuse

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Employment

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Social needs

Syracuse

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

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Yes

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No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

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Yes

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No

Name:

JON G KIRSCHNER

Address:

PO BOX 33 WOODGATE NY 13494

Telephone:

Date:

5/10/11

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Other Postal Services

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If yes, please explain:

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If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

I work at home. As a home office, I find having a close post office important. My spouse works in Utica and does not pass any local offices during business hours.



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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☒ Worse

If yes, please explain: As the Woodgate Volunteer Fire Dept. Secretary I check our PO box at least weekly. I work from home and having to drive to Forestport would not be convenient, as I generally do not leave Woodgate during working hours.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

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Shopping

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Personal needs

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Banking

Boonville, only sporadically

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Employment

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Social needs

Old Forge or Utica

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

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Yes

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No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

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Yes

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No

Name:

Chris Burnett-Wolfe

Address:

8088 Capron Rd, Woodgate NY 13494

Telephone:

315-392-2543

Date:

5-11-2011

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

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If yes, please explain:

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☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

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Shopping

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Personal needs

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Banking

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Employment

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Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?



Yes

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

Yes



Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Date:

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

attention, Brian Shepardon 5-12-11

We live on a private road and can't have mail delivery. We now pay approximately \$24.00 a yr to receive our mail. It is a 6 mile round trip everyday, plus the price of gas.

Sincerely
Mr & Mrs Richard Niemetz

P.S. We need this post office to stay open.

Thanks
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May 12, 2011

Mr. Brian Shepardson
Manager, Post Office Operations
30 Karner Road
Albany, New York 12288-9992

Dear Mr. Shepardson,

I am a resident of Woodgate, New York, 13494, who would like to tell you how important the Woodgate Post Office is to me. I run a small publishing business from my home, and thus I send out books to people not only in America, but throughout the world. I visit the Woodgate Post Office several times a week, almost always with a stack of packages to go out.

The excellent staff working in the Woodgate Post Office know exactly how to mail a package to Norway, or to Russia. Whenever I try another post office, such as in Boonville or Old Forge, most of the staff have little or no experience in mailing books to foreign countries. I would very much like to continue using the Woodgate Post Office for my business mailings.

I live in Woodgate, so the post office is about a mile and a half from my home. Were I to drive to Forestport and back, the trip would be eighteen miles, nearly half an hour of driving, especially on winter's roads. I absolutely do not want to drive to Forestport several times a week.

As an author, I write about clean energy. Adding more cars to the post office fleet is not the answer; more rural routes, more drivers, more cars, more pollution. And ultimately, much more expense than just keeping open a small rural post office that everyone loves.

If the post office really wants to save money, it would do as people do in many other countries around the world: it would set up ***small wind turbines*** atop post offices across America, thus providing the buildings with inexpensive energy. (While also providing JOBS for American workers.)

The answers to the economic problems in America today cannot be simply: To cut back. To reduce service. To close down a post office.

The answer is certainly not burning more oil.

Bring a number of small clean energy industries to this area, and your post office business will be booming. Put up wind turbines, put up solar collectors, as Jimmy Carter did on the roof of the White House in 1979; the post office will cut its electricity bill by at least half.

America needs to join the rest of the world in ***providing services to the community in the most energy-efficient manner possible***. America needs to join the rest of the world in ***creating jobs***, not shutting down jobs.

America needs to preserve its small-town heritage, the last vestige of real community in this country. Woodgate has a church, a diner, a library, a fire station, a community hall, and a post office, all of which are vital ingredients in this community. We do not want to lose any of them.

Thank you very much, Mr. Shepardson.

Cordially,

JOHN SLADE

John Slade

To:
Brian Separdson
Manager, Post Office Operations
30 Kamer Road
Albany NY 12288-9992

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From:
Helen D. Wallingford
1 Fox Run Lane, Apt 234
Orchard Park NY 14127
716-667-1430

Sir:

I am concerned that the USPS is considering closing the Post Office at Woodgate, NY. I am a seasonal resident and like other residents served by the Woodgate Post Office and it would be a great inconvenience to all of us if the Post Office is closed. I would have to go to another post office to pick up my mail. I am no longer able to drive and depend on others to take me to the store and the post office. In light of the fact that the Woodgate Post Office does not provide rural delivery, all residents would have to drive up to 20 miles or more to pick up their mail.

I am disappointed that the hearing at Woodgate on May 12 was scheduled with little notice and at a time when most seasonal residents were not yet available to attend.

My street address for Woodgate is: 12909 State Route 28,
Woodgate. NY. (Camp Illini)

Sincerely,



Helen D. Wallingford

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John B. Isley
PO Box 52
Woodgate, New York 13494

To Whom It May Concern:

The closing of the Woodgate New York Post Office (13494) will have a far greater effect on the community as a whole than most community post office closings will...

1. My family and myself have maintained PO Box 52 since the inception of the Post office in 1926. On a yearly basis my postal expenses are near one thousand dollars. As a business owner I use the Post office, as Library board President, the library uses the Post Office, as deputy Town of Forestport Supervisor the town uses this post office and as past secretary and fire chief, the fire department uses the post office. It is not feasible with today's gas prices to make a daily 16 mile round trip to Forestport for postal business. The average yearly cost to a postal user would be \$845.00 per year.
2. the Woodgate Volunteer Fire Department leases the building to the Postal Service, the fire department in turn uses the lease money to purchase new trucks. With the loss of this income, the local taxpayer will have to make the difference to finance emergency services for the community.
3. The survey mailed to us indicated the reason to close the office was the retirement of the Post Master. This retirement is a huge cost savings to you by paying "officers in charge" wages without benefits. It is cheaper than paying the much higher postmaster wage.
4. A better cost cutting measure would be to cease rural delivery north of Forestport and let the citizens of Otter Lake and Woodgate focus on one service point. A penny increase in gas prices, I understand, increases postal nationwide operations one million dollars per day. It is even more dangerous to add many more rural boxes along the high speed highway corridor of Route 28. According to 2010 N.Y.S. Department of Transportation traffic count figures, Route 28 has traffic of 3950 cars daily, projected to be 4350 by 2020, and of that figure ten percent is heavy truck traffic. During peak traffic times in 2010, 560 cars passed per hour. This makes it very unsafe for a stop and go rural carrier. My personal situation does not allow a rural mailbox due to 4 foot ditches by my house on Route 28. The township's year around residents are elderly and find it difficult to maintain roadside mailboxes in our harsh winter weather.
5. the service area of the Woodgate Post office has three summer youth camps which send vans daily to the Post Office to pick up mail. The area of Woodgate, White Lake, Long lake and Otter Lake are rich with seasonal residents that use the office daily.
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So, the POST OFFICE at Woodgate New York is very inter- woven into the community fabric, the fabric of emergency services, library, youth camps, senior citizens and the business community. So common sense would keep it open!

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*Protect Postmaster Jobs as USPS**Seeks to Reduce PO Numbers*

Forum is over and what a time we had. We promised cherry blossoms and they were here. We had to put on rain gear and winter clothes to see them, but the blossoms were here. The Sunday after Forum we actually had a little snow on the cherry trees. From the survey response, the cool weather did not hamper the experience. It was a successful Forum as far as getting informed and getting work done. Many comments asked for a little more time to be able to network and renew friendships. We will work on doing just that. We have to sign a contract with the hotel long in advance of any congressional schedules, so some of the timing is luck. We will do our very best to try to anticipate events next year to maximize our impacts during congressional visits. This was our first attempt at a completely revamped agenda and it was well received by those filling out the survey.

We were honored to have the PMG there for a good part of the day, starting with breakfast and ending with dinner. Postmasters enjoyed getting their pictures taken with him and having the opportunity to talk with him. Terri Hood from Mount Ephraim, New Jersey, started our general session with a beautifully sung national anthem. We do have talent in the LEAGUE.

We had a great group of speakers, ending with Ruth Goldway, chairman of the PRC, speaking at dinner. On Thursday, we walked the Hill. The Arizona group did a fine job of covering for me as I sat on the steps of the Senate building writing down all the notes regarding District consolidations, because my phone was ringing non-stop following the announcements on the redesign. Then came Friday's announcements with the impacts on Postal Headquarters, Areas and remaining Districts ... just another "uneventful" week in Washington.

As I mentioned in my speech (printed on pages 14-16 in this issue), we need a clear understanding about our legislative challenges, take them to the Hill and ask for support, but we go back home to

win the fight. We do not want to lose the momentum. Follow up on those contacts you made while in D.C., go to the local legislator's office and reinforce the message we took to the Hill.

When it rains it pours, and right after we left D.C. one of our senators from Arizona proposed an amendment to a bill that would do great harm to rural America. His amendment, number 250 to S. 493, struck at the important language in Section 101 (b) of Title 39. This is the language that covers the discontinuance of post offices. It is important enough that I wanted you to see this language.

TITLE 39 > PART I > CHAPTER 1 > § 101

§ 101. Postal policy

(a) The United States Postal Service shall be operated as a basic and fundamental service provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of Congress, and supported by the people. The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide postal services to bind the Nation together through the personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities. The costs of establishing and maintaining the Postal Service shall not be apportioned to impair the overall value of such service to the people.

(b) The Postal Service shall provide ~~a maximum degree of~~ effective and regular postal services to rural areas, communities, and small towns where post offices are not self-sustaining. ~~No small post office shall be closed solely for operating at a deficit, it being.~~ It is the specific intent of the Congress that



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effective postal services be insured to residents of both urban and rural communities.

The senator's proposed amendment struck out a maximum degree of. I guess not all of America deserves this degree of effective and regular service; just some degree of some type of service is good enough for rural America. The second change was striking no small post office shall be closed solely for operating at a deficit, it being. Pretty self-explanatory what this change does, but how many is the question. Most of the articles talked about 3,000 offices to be reviewed. It is a known fact that 92 percent of all post offices lose money. It would seem there is no end to closings—just a start. It does not matter what else you provide to the community, and the list is very long. As important is what could be provided to that community if you looked at using the network for other joint business ideas instead of closing it. As I write this article, the proposed amendment has not yet been piggy backed on S. 493, but that is not the point. The point is that one of the leaders of our nation would decide to do this without taking the time to understand the impact. If the decision was made to propose this amendment after our senator knew of the consequences, then that is even worse. If you have not yet done so, make sure to call, write and/or email Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) and share your thoughts on the wholesale closing of rural post offices in America.

One would say, "Mark, just this language change to Title 39 does not mean 10,000 offices would be closed," and you would be right. The Postal Service will start with 5,000 because this same week the Postal Service proposed through the *Federal Register* a change to the discontinuance process. Its proposed impacts to rural America make it easier to take the title of Postmaster away and easier to change an independent post office to a retail facility without appeal rights for any of the post offices it changes into a retail facility. The Postal Service is trying to acquire the unfettered ability to close as many small rural post offices as it wants without taking into account all the reasons they are there—to serve the needs of rural America. The Postal Service has filed formal notice through the *Federal Register* of a proposed change to the discontinuance (closing) process for post offices found in the Title 39 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). This is different from U.S. Code Title 39, which is law. These are Postal Service regulations and do not need legislative approval or a bill to change. It is simply a regulatory change, not a change in the law. The Postal Service will seek comments (written) for 30 days. It will review those comments and make its determinations on whether to make the regulatory changes—and change the face of rural America. By the time this magazine comes out, we may be past the deadline. The 30 days open for comment expires May 2, 2011. Unless we get our representatives to intervene, these regulations will most likely be changed and, regardless of the nice spin being placed on this proposal, it will not be good for rural America.

One of the changes proposes applying the discontinuance process to all Postal Service-operated retail facilities. This means the process would, to some extent, not only apply to independent post offices but also to stations and branches. The problem is that this change means USPS can convert an independent post office to a station or branch without consolidating or closing it, which is what it has to do at the present time. Its underlying intent is to finesse post office closing procedures by changing them to stations and branches that are not required to use a full discontinuance process. This

would also leave the office vulnerable to an easier closing since there are no appeal rights for stations and branches. It would open the door to thousands of post offices being run without a Postmaster and easier closings in the future.

The second change is the requirement that a District manager must initiate the study of a USPS-operated facility for possible discontinuance. It allows this study to be initiated by a responsible vice president. So no longer will the District manager, who, it is hoped, has a good feel for community needs, unique circumstances and direct accountability for service, be the only one to initiate the study.

This next change is even more questionable, one which would allow a responsible vice president or Area manager of Delivery Programs Support to decide that a community meeting is no longer required. Why would this ever be considered when you are making a decision about the possible end of a community?

There are more changes including more circumstances that prompt a decision to study closing an office. These include earned workload below the minimum established level for the lowest non-bargaining (EAS) employee grade, insufficient customer demand, declining volumes and local population trends that we will need to discuss. Using these guidelines, along with Sen. McCain's proposed amendment, stopping at 5,000 will be just to gas up. This is a time for us to work very closely with our NAPUS Postmasters. NAPUS President Bob Rapoza and I have been, and will continue to be, working together on this proposal. You can rest assured that we will be doing all we can here with the PRC and Congress and using every available means possible to protect Postmasters, post offices and the communities we serve.

Many of you have just returned from Washington, D.C., with fresh contacts for Congress—use them. While we need your enthusiastic support, please remember that while you are on the clock, on USPS property or using a USPS phone, you are the voice of the USPS and must speak with the USPS voice. When you are off the clock, at home or on a personal phone, you may share your concern for your CUSTOMERS with Congress. We need all of you, more than ever, to take a stand for rural America.

Of course, I'd like to come back to the large offices

that might ask, "What is in it for me?"

Let's say we change all those offices to stations and have them all report to a Postmaster somewhere in their vicinity. You then would have to wonder just how far that circle of responsibility would expand for a Postmaster now responsible for these extra offices. More accountability, more responsibility, more SOX, more paperwork ... and you may not even have a manager to hold responsible. That's what's in it for a large office Postmaster.

There is much talk about improving every customer experience, with emphasis on WTIIL and service at its

best. If we do not have the resources now and it's the *Postmaster* in the office who has to carry the route, box the mail and work the window when the employee at this station calls in sick, can't make it through the snow or wants to take leave, who is going to cover that void when you take the Postmaster out of the picture?

With the Postmaster title comes a responsibility and accountability far above what is required of a craft employee, as it should be. This includes the role they play behind the counter as the Postmaster and the role on the other side of the counter as a vital participant in the

community. With the lost title of Honorable Postmaster to the community, what will be lost in service? What is the long term impact to the postal brand? What is the loss of a distribution network that already can be used for so many other things? If this means anything to you, then you need to do something about it.

In many articles, I have written about our relationship with Postal Headquarters being the best it has been. Until proven wrong, I will stand by that. The path Postal Headquarters has chosen to take to close post offices is one on which we deeply disagree. I believe that the savings are minimal both short term and long term, especially when considering all the costs of closing an office. We should have had an orchestrated review process for years for some offices that truly need to be looked at and maybe closed.

With the same token, that effort should include what we can do to add more value and increase revenue from sources other than the traditional postage revenue generated in rural America. Had we done this, a mad dash to the finish would not have been required. It is

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Residents will

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Woodgate on possible closure list

By AMANDA FRIES

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WOODGATE — The people of Woodgate want to keep their post office.

Today, they'll be able to tell U.S. Postal Service officials why it should remain open. The local post office is one of many that might be closing around the region and nation.

Woodgate residents can voice their concerns at a gathering from 2 to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the post office at 11045 Woodgate Road. Post office officials will be there to answer questions, said Christine Dugas, a spokeswoman for the Postal Service.

"The decision to close (the

Take our poll at uticaod.com

The U.S. Postal Service has been considering closing small offices, including those in Middleville and Woodgate. Do you think this is a good idea?

1. Yes. They have to stop losing money.
2. No. It's a burden on rural residents.
3. I'll email them about it.

post office) has not been made," Dugas said. "It's just the post office that is being studied."

Middleville residents met in early March to express their concern for the post office's potential closing as

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well, according to O-D archives.

Some of the factors that will be considered are what other postal services are nearby, the customer impact and the cost of it remaining open, she said.

Woodgate resident William Karn said he has been told that the local post office is profitable.

"We have a lot of people who use the post office," Karn said.

He said many people go to the post office and then go to the restaurant across the street or the library.

The next closest post office is in Forestport, which is about 10 miles for Woodgate residents and

about 16 miles for people from Otter Lake, Karn said.

The community would be negatively affected by the closure, he said, and those who attend area summer camps or visit seasonally would be impacted.

"Post offices are very personal," Dugas said. "People have a huge attachment to their post office."

Dugas said even if the decision were to close the office, officials still would continue investigating before officially closing it.

"There wouldn't be a final decision until at least fall," she said. "It could be even later."

WPOA thinks school budget satisfactory

To the editor:

The Town of Webb Property Owners Association Board of Directors met April 29 and discussed the upcoming Town of Webb Union Free School District vote.

The main item is the proposed budget that has been reduced from the 2010-11 budget primarily by replacing retiring teachers with lower salaried people. We feel this is a satisfactory budget.

Proposition 3 to reduce the number of Board of Education Members from 7 to 5 was discussed and we feel this is an improvement.

Be sure to vote on May 17.

Webb Property Owners Association

Closing Woodgate post office

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DRAWING CONCLUSIONS



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JOHN ISLEY,
Woodgate, NY

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Tuesday, May 10

7 p.m.: Adult Volleyball at the Town of Webb School Gymnasium (315) 360-0000

Forestport Presbyterian Church, Call (315) 392-3103.

at the Ole Barn in Inlet. Call (315) 357-4000.

(315) 369-3656 (Old Forge).
5 p.m.: Zumba Workout at

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Memo to the record. On 05/06/11 at 8:52 am, received a call from Peter Delarico of Otter Lake, at 315-369-6557.

On 05/07/11, at 2:40 pm, I returned his call. I told him I would add his concerns to the official record which are as follows: He drives 6 miles to Woodgate. Forestport would be an additional 7 miles. Rural delivery is no good for him. An outgoing collection box would be helpful. Received nice service at Woodgate. If he kept his PO box in Forestport, there would be absolutely no change of address (a change from pre-automation times). We discussed potential Village Post Offices options and he thought the Adirondack Grocery Store that has a Citgo station (he thinks it's owned by Otter Lake Improvement Association; Mona Linkin on Lakeview Rd would be the contact)

Nadine Tremblay

Nadine Tremblay
Post Office Review Coordinator

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May 20, 2011

Memo to the record. On 05/06/11 at 12:45 pm, received a call from Barbara Rosenfield at 315-392-2530.

On 05/10/11, at 2:52 pm, I returned her call. She wanted to know how much savings there would be by Closing the Post Office. I explained that during a study it is considered proprietary information, but if it moves forward to an official proposal, the financials would be disclosed at that time. No decision to move further has been made.

Nadine Tremblay

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Post Office Review Coordinator

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May 20, 2011

Memo to the record. On 05/09/11 at 11:00 am, received a call from Jean Carley at 315-725-0932.

On 05/11/11, at 1:20 pm, I returned her call. She wanted to add the following comments to the official record: Winters are rough. There are more people in the summertime. The Post Office is the hub of the community. She will hand in the survey at the community meeting.

Nadine Tremblay

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Post Office Review Coordinator

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May 20, 2011

Memo to the record. On 05/09/11 at 11:31 am, received a call from Bill Karn (spelling?) at 315-392-4817.

On 05/11/11, at 1:22 pm, I returned his call. He wanted to know what put Woodgate on the study list? I explained that all vacant offices are review to see if regular and effective service can be provided through alternate channels.

Nadine Tremblay

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Post Office Review Coordinator

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May 20, 2011

Memo to the record. On 05/09/11 at 12:55 pm, received a call from Barb Rothfuss at 315-853-2712.

I returned her call. She has a regular home in Clinton NY and asked about other types of delivery. She usually has her mail held and as a seasonal, doesn't use delivery.

Nadine Tremblay

Nadine Tremblay
Post Office Review Coordinator



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May 20, 2011

Memo to the record. On 05/09/11 at 2:50 pm, received a call from Betty Perkins at 315-392-3843.

I returned her call on 5/11/11 at 1:58 pm. She lives in Forestport and doesn't do any business in Woodgate. She had a notice in her mailbox. Her comments have been duly noted in the official record.

Nadine Tremblay

Nadine Tremblay
Post Office Review Coordinator



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May 20, 2011

Memo to the record. On 05/11/11 at 6:17 pm, received a call from John Matuella at 908-310-2693. He stated that the study was ridiculous. He felt there was no time on the meeting notice. He is a part time resident. He feels it could have been handled better.

I returned his call on 5/13/11 at 5:43 pm. I left a message on his machine that his comments would be entered into the official record and he could call back if he had anything else to add.

Nadine Tremblay

Nadine Tremblay
Post Office Review Coordinator

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May 20, 2011

Memo to the record. On 05/12/11 at 10:00 am, received a call from Catherine Sayles at 914-277-8028. She will become a resident of Long Lake Rd.

I returned his call on 5/13/11 at 5:26 pm. I noted her comments into the official record to include that Woodgate is a place of community. There is a library next door, but it is not open often. The Post Office is a great resource – needs to be our resource.

Nadine Tremblay

Nadine Tremblay
Post Office Review Coordinator

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May 20, 2011

Memo to the record. On 05/11/11 at 2:25 pm, received a call from Bill Carn at 315-392-4817.
No question was left in message.

I returned his call on 5/12/11 at 8:53 am. I let him know that I returned his call and suggested he leave a specific message so that I could better assist him.

Nadine Tremblay

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Post Office Review Coordinator

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June 3, 2011

Memo to the record. On 05/27/11 at 2:23 pm, received a call from Robert Scheehl, at (315) 392-5594. Response letter referenced taxes, and that isn't what he asked about. Said Congressman Owen asked same question. How do you come to the idea that closing offices makes money.

On 06/03/11, at 4:57 pm, returned call. Apologized for incorrect response. Mr. Scheehl didn't understand how a savings was realized over a 10 year span. Explained that the costs associated with the base salary for a postmaster position at the level of the office, plus benefits, lease cost, and utilities where applicable are factored in. The addition costs to add service through rural delivery are deducted from that savings to show the final savings annually. Mr. Scheehl did not feel the reference of Postmaster was fair since many offices are covered by other employees at a lower salary. Explained that for the purpose of the proposal, the base salary of the postmaster level and benefits is what we are required to use. Also explained that many offices have not been filled in anticipation of Postal Reorganization which could impact the incumbent postmaster job. Mr. Scheehl suggested that operating for ½ day service would be more cost effective than adding the cost of rural delivery. He also felt that any consideration of a Village Post Office should be shared with Congressman Owen. Comments will be added to the official record.

Nadine Tremblay

Nadine Tremblay
Post Office Review Coordinator

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June 7, 2011

Memo to the record. On 06/02/11 at 12:45 pm, received a call from Beth Roberts, at (315) 369-3638.

- Letter received

On 06/07/11, at 1:23 pm, returned call.

- Customer receives street delivery
- Not operating as a viable business,
- Uses weighted mail services.
- Feels USPS is cutting their own throat by closing for lunch or reducing hours of operation.
- Travel too far to another Post Office
- VPO is limiting of services.
- Proposal is not an acceptable solution. Too far between Post Offices.
- Woodgate has an exceptional Summer influx (3 camps).
- Traffic insane in summer. Ramp in winter is slippery, wouldn't bother to go to Forestport if it was the only PO available. Would opt to change address completely and have mail go to workplace.
- 2 summers ago collection box removed from Otter Lake.

Concerns have been added to the official record.

Nadine Tremblay

Nadine Tremblay
Post Office Review Coordinator

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P.O. Box 172
Woodgate, NY 13494
June 5, 2011

Manager of Post Office Operations
30 Kramer Road
Albany, NY 12288-9992

Dear Sir or Madam:

My wife and I own property on Route 28, Town of Forestport, County of Oneida, Hamlet of Woodgate, NY, zip code 13494, about ½ mile from the current Woodgate Post Office.


If you are looking for alternate quarters for the Post Office, we have ample space at our business, extensive parking and the wherewithal to staff same if the opportunity arose.

My father Clyde Matteson was an employee of the U.S. Postal Service for many years as a rural carrier in New Berlin, NY 13411 until retirement, and I am familiar with the type of work involved.

Please advise if we can be of assistance in any way should there be a transition with the Woodgate Post Office.

Thanking you, we remain

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of James C. Matteson and Bridgett Matteson. The signature of James C. Matteson is written in a cursive script, and the signature of Bridgett Matteson is written in a similar cursive script below it.

James and Brigid Matteson

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June 15, 2011

Memo to the record. Received a letter from James & Brigid Matteson stating they own property on Route 28, Town of Forestport, County of Oneida, Hamlet of Woodgate, NY 13494, about ½ mile from the Woodgate Post Office and would like to provide assistance for alternate postal access at their business which has ample space, extensive parking and the wherewithal to staff.

They can be contacted at PO Box 172, Woodgate, NY 13494. No phone number was provided.

On 06/17/11, a letter was sent informing the customer that I will follow up with the VPO contact. An email was sent to Nadine Tremblay, Michelle Krul, Margaret Pepe, Linda Moak, and Sue Nielsen with the information for VPO contact.

Jane Wolfgang
A/Post Office Optimization Coordinator



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June 17, 2011

James & Brigid Matteson
PO Box 172
Woodgate, NY 13494-0172

Dear James & Brigid Matteson:

Thank you for your interest in providing an alternate Postal site at your place of business. Your offer will be included in the proposal for consideration and your names and address have been provided to our Village Post Office (VPO) contact team for future follow-up.

Thank you again for your interest and support of the United States Postal Service.

Sincerely,

Jane Wolfgang
A/Post Office Optimization Coordinator
USPS
Albany District
30 Karner Road
Albany NY 12288-9996

Postal Service Customer Questionnaire Analysis

Questionnaires were distributed to all delivery customers of the WOODGATE Post Office on 05/03/2011. Additionally, during the survey period, questionnaires were available at the WOODGATE Post Office to walk-in retail customers.

1.	Number of Questionnaires	
	Total Questionnaires distributed	<u>127</u>
	Favorable to proposal	<u>4</u>
	Unfavorable to proposal	<u>69</u>
	Expressing no opinion	<u>39</u>
	Total questionnaires received	<u>102</u>

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Postal Concerns

The following postal concerns were expressed

- Concern (No Opinion):
1. Customer asked to reference the proximity of the Thendara, Old Forge, Eagle Bay and Inlet Post Office and delivery by boat to Lake residents on chart presented at community meeting.
Response:
Your comment has been duly noted and the chart has been included in the official record.

Concern (No Opinion):

 2. Customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community
Response:
Carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the Forestport post office located 7.0 miles away.

Concern (No Opinion):

 3. Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup
Response:
Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to 1/2 mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

Concern (No Opinion):

 4. Customer expressed a concern about seasonal residents using the Post Office daily.
Response:
Seasonal residents can also obtain street delivery.

Concern (No Opinion):

 5. Customer expressed a concern about the library sharing the water well and supply with the post office and therefore closure would require a new well.
Response:
Per the lease agreement, this is the responsibility of the lessor.

Concern (No Opinion):

 6. Customer expressed a concern that summer residents had not returned to the area yet and would not have an opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns.
Response:
There are a number of posting requirements and comment periods before any final decision or implementation would be made. All customers will have several opportunities to ask questions and make comments.

Concern (No Opinion):

 7. Customer submitted 2 page letter titled Dear Uncle Sam.
Response:
The letter has been entered into the official record.

Concern (No Opinion):

 8. Customer suggested consideration to close Alder Creek Post Office instead because the facility is located less than two miles from the Forestport Post Office and is less profitable; serving a smaller area.
Response:
Post Office with an incumbent Postmaster can not be studied for discontinuance.

Concern (No Opinion):

 9. Customer suggested to save money set up small wind turbines atop Post Office across America, thus providing inexpensive energy and providing jobs to American workers.
Response:
Your comments have been duly noted and added to the official record.

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10. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained

Response:

Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.

11. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers expressed concern about having to erect a rural mailbox

Response:

Customers are not required to erect rural mailboxes. Customers may receive PO Box service from the Forestport Post Office located 7.0 miles away.

12. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity

Response:

A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Woodgate Post Office name and ZIP Code in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

13. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to Forestport Post Office to pick up their mail

Response:

Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the Forestport postmaster.

14. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community

Response:

The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.

15. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers expressed concern that postal employees at the Forestport Post Office are rude

Response:

Employee courtesy is always a concern of postal managers. Postal employees receive periodic instructions regarding employee courtesy. We do not condone our employees' execution of their duties in an unprofessional or discourteous manner. This concern will be conveyed to the postmaster by the manager, post office operations.

16. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes

Response:

The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.

17. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance

Response:

Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an positive annual savings.

18. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers said they would miss the special attention and assistance provided by the personnel at the Woodgate Post Office.

Response:

The Forestport Post Office will continue to provide courteous and helpful service. Special assistance will be provided as needed.

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19. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers wanted to know why the customer lines were so long at the Forestport Post Office

Response:

The Forestport Post Office serves a much larger community and has a heavier retail window workload. This concern has been brought to the attention of the Forestport postmaster so can monitor window operations and ensure that customers do not have an unreasonable wait to obtain services. The carrier can provide retail services, alleviating the need for customers to go to the post office for service.

20. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers were concerned about growth in the community

Response:

The growth of a community does not depend on the location of a post office. Based on information obtained by the Postal Service, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service will be able to accommodate future growth.

21. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers were concerned about loss of employment in the community

Response:

The postmaster position is vacant and there is no guarantee that any replacement postmaster would be from the community.

22. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers were concerned about mail security

Response:

Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.

23. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier

Response:

Retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

24. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers were concerned about senior citizens

Response:

Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the Forestport postmaster for more information.

25. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers were concerned about the loss of a gathering place and an information center.

Response:

Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other businesses, churches and residences in town.

28. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers were concerned about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows

Response:

Please contact the Forestport postmaster to determine the proper mailbox location and installation method that would help alleviate this concern. Placing the mailbox on a long, swinging, horizontal pipe is one method often used to avoid damage by snowplows.

27. **Concern (No Opinion):**

No Concern

Response:

28. **Concern (No Opinion):**

You expressed a concern that they requested and were denied rural delivery service

Response:

There are several guidelines which must be met prior to a road being approved for delivery. The road to be traveled must be at least 14 feet wide and maintained at all times of the year. It cannot dead end in a private driveway even if the drive is maintained by a municipality. There must be a suitable turning point provided for the carrier, preferably with no backing. If backing is involved, there are other guidelines to adhere to. If backing is necessitated, the Postmaster must verify it is in a low-traffic area and there are no children in the immediate vicinity on a regular basis. There must also be a minimum of one family per one-half mile of travel.

29. **Concern (No Opinion):**

You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Based on customer feedback regarding cost associated with travel, the Postal Service is also reviewing the possibility of a Village Post Office. If applicable, this would afford the community a chance to keep their PO Boxes in a centralized location within the community.

Nonpostal Concerns

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed

1. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customer expressed a concern about the library sharing the water well and supply with the post office and therefore closure would require a new well.

Response:

Per the lease agreement, this is the responsibility of the lessor.

2. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customer expressed a concern about the loss of the community bulletin board at the Post Office.

Response:

Many retail outlets and grocery stores are now displaying a public bulletin board in which items can be posted for sale, and/or lost and found items can be posted, and a variety of other information.

Concern (No Opinion):

3. Customer expressed a concern that the Fire Department leases the building to the Postal Service and in turn uses the lease money to purchase new trucks. With the loss of income, the local taxpayer will have to make the difference to finance emergency services for the community.

Response:

If a final decision is made to close the post office we will abide by the terms of the lease.

4. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customer submitted a map for the official record.

Response:

The map has been entered into the record.

5. **Concern (No Opinion):**

Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity

Response:

A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Woodgate Post Office name and ZIP Code in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory

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6. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers felt the loss of a post office would have a detrimental effect on the business community

Response:

Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and these will always be provided to the Woodgate Post Office community. There is no indication that the business community will be adversely affected. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the post office is discontinued.

7. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers were concerned about the loss of a gathering place and an information center.

Response:

Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other businesses, churches and residences in town.

Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

DOCKET NO. 1388180-13494 Date: 05/12/2011

Brian Shepardson
David Moore

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Total Number of Customers Present:

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Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	Zip Code	Phone Number
<u>Donald Paprock</u>	<u>49 POINT RD.</u> <u>P.O. BOX 118</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>—</u>
<u>JOANNE PAPROCK</u>	<u>49 POINT RD P.O. BOX 118</u>	<u>13494-0118</u>	
<u>JOAN Pfeiffer</u>	<u>67 Bridge Rd</u> <u>P.O. Box 117</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-3734</u>
<u>Joseph Pfeiffer</u>	<u>67 Bridge Rd.</u> <u>P.O. Box 117</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-3734</u>
<u>Judith E. Shaughnessy</u>	<u>P.O. Box 15</u> <u>Woodgate 13494</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-2282</u>
<u>Dan Shaughnessy</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Grandpa</u>	<u>P.O. Box 144</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>743-4010</u>
<u>Bill Karn</u>	<u>#29 Longlake Rd</u> <u>Woodgate 13494</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-4817</u>
<u>Denise Erlandson</u>	<u>P.O. Box 21</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>404-3802</u>
<u>Shelly Gordon</u>	<u>P.O. Box 87</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-2289</u>
<u>Nanthe Busbar</u>	<u>P.O. Box 87</u> <u>Woodgate</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-2280</u>
<u>Stefani Rubyon</u>	<u>P.O. Box 148</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-44</u>
<u>Louis Amicucci</u>	<u>PB 5 Woodgate</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-2693</u>
<u>Grace Amicucci</u>	<u>Box 5</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-2693</u>
<u>Kimberly Pfendler</u>	<u>PB 148 Woodgate</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392 2288</u>

Owen Evans	PO Box 212	13494	392-2313
Betty Evans	" " "	13494	392-2313
Paul Rubyon	PB 128 Woodgate	13494	392-3397
Maryann Rubyon	PB 128 Woodgate	13494	392-3397
JACK ROBERTS	6010 woodgate	13494	392-6461
BETH ROBERTS	6010 woodgate	13494	7961934
Andrew Croniser	6061 Round Lake Rd. Woodgate	13494	392-242
Jan Van Valkenburg	#133 Rt. 28-McKeener Otter Lake, N.Y.	(private #)	369-3023
William Noti	P.O. Box 1 Woodgate	13494	315-794-8045
Elaine Mahaffy	P.O. Box 55 Woodgate, NY	13494	(315) 392-5431
MBuyten	P.O. Box 208 Sears Rd Woodgate	(315) 763 4017	
Jan Van Valkenburg	#14195 Rt. 28 Kowalik's Hotel Otter Lake, N.Y.	13338	369-6446

Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

Brian Shepherd
David Moore

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Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	Zip Code	Phone Number
WALTER PAPADAKIS	POB 118	13494	-
Donna M. Romeo	P.O. Box 28	13494	
WM HOEFNAUER	911 LONG PINE DR	13338	3923801
John Tisley	PO Box 52	13494	
NICHOLAS KELLY	PO Box 52	13494	
CAMERON FEELY	PO Box 52	13494	
Woodgate Library	PO Box 52	13494	
Rebecca Deis	P.O. Box 188	13494	392-6000
Thomas Deis	PO Box 188	13494	
Alan Woodruff	PO Box 41	13494	392-4592
INGEBURG LeROUX	5103 ELMWOOD RD	13494-2020	392-4310
Camp Russell, BSA	POB 111	13494	
Karen Beck	10850 Woodgate Rd	13494	392-2072
Bob Schenck	10290 Woodgate Rd	13494	392-5594
Annmo's Info	PO Box 103	13494	392-6532

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Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

Brian Shepherdson
Dan Moore

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Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	Zip Code	Phone Number
<u>Elizabeth Nienitz</u>	<u>PO Box 231</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-392-5481</u>
<u>Bethany Lamphers</u>	<u>10534 Woodgate Rd</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-725-5974</u>
<u>Mary Mon...</u>	<u>RT 28, P.O. Box 88</u>	<u>13494</u>	
<u>Harold Seave</u>	<u>P.O. Box 46</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-392-5876</u>
<u>Robert Lawrence</u>	<u>10534 Woodgate Rd</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-6419</u>
<u>Kathleen Lawrence</u>	<u>10534 Woodgate Rd</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-6419</u>
<u>Andy Pascucci</u>	<u>P.O. Box 238</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>392-2122</u>
<u>Marci Ramsey</u>	<u>1904 Benbrook Rd</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-392-2115</u>
<u>Harold G. Fox</u>	<u>PO Box 12</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-392-4871</u>
<u>Margaret J. Ayko</u>	<u>PO Box 66</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-392-4602</u>
<u>Larry J. Ayko</u>	<u>PO Box 66</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-392-4602</u>
<u>Richard J. Phuzarik</u>	<u>PO Box 116</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-392-2284</u>
<u>Wendy Lake Rodges</u>	<u>12973 RT 28</u>	<u>13338</u>	<u>973-42452-390</u>
<u>Danielle Mazzy</u>	<u>12973 RT 28</u>	<u>13338</u>	
<u>Kim Kratzberg</u>	<u>PO Box 218</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-392-5499</u>
<u>NORTH Country</u>	<u>PO Box 218</u>	<u>13494</u>	<u>315-392-5499</u>

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Jackie + Don Frank Woodgate

Chris & Sarah Burnett-Wolke

Monika Hall

Betty Hoff

Linda Hart

Kim Shaw

Gloria Shaw

Linda Duffy Carl

~~Quincy Smith~~

Jim Fish

TOM G. KIRSCHNER

Booth Frank Roberts

Peter Talarico

Daisy White Rt 28 13494

Al Cusido - Forest St

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Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

Brian Sheppard
David Moore

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Total Number of Customers Present:

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Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	Zip Code	Phone Number
ROBERT SEAGER	P.O. Box 29	13494	315-392-3808
RON WALKER	PO Box 69	13494	315-219-2993
BRAYTON Digele	Box 26	13494	315 392 3925
PAUL ROSENTHAL	130X 185	13494	315-392-253
Brian M. Campbell	Box 185	13494	315-392-2530
Jack Adams	P.O. Box 53	13494	392-2203
Mark Scott	1145 Bear Creek Rd	13494	392-2315
SHIRLEY HODGE	8115 CAPRON RD	13494	392-2480
James F. French	Box 43	13494	392-4020
Howard J. Owen	P.O. 145	13494	392-2089
Leslie	PO Box 236 Penick NY	13438	831 2191 Conifer Co Regd.
Cheryl E. Eustace	P.O. Box 44	13494	392 4608
Joe Monik, Hall	39, P.O. Rd.	13494	329 6991
Jean Seager	P.O. Box 39 Woodgate	13494	392-3808
Mark Ruben	PO Box 148 Woodgate	13494	392-4498
John Ben Hirt	Can/Del. Woodgate	13494	392-6417
Phyllis H. Ruben	PO Box 50 Woodgate	13494	392 3374
Brian & Becky Fenchough	523 Bear Creek Rd	13494	392-5893
Rocky - Jan Krutzen	PO Box 147	13494	392-5806 1197

Postal Service Customer Community Meeting Analysis

(categorize customer concerns as postal or nonpostal and provide the Postal Service response for each.)

Postal Concerns

1. **Concern (No Opinion):**
You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service
Response:
Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Based on customer feedback regarding cost associated with travel, the Postal Service is also reviewing the possibility of a Village Post Office. If applicable, this would afford the community a chance to keep their PO Boxes in a centralized location within the community.
2. **Concern (No Opinion):**
Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup
Response:
Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.
3. **Concern (No Opinion):**
Customer expressed a concern about their 911 address
Response:
911 addresses are generally given by the county's 911 coordinator. The Postal Service does not establish 911 addresses. Any questions concerning your 911 address should be directed to the county's 911 coordinator.
4. **Concern (No Opinion):**
Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained
Response:
Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.
5. **Concern (No Opinion):**
Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to Forestport Post Office to pick up their mail
Response:
Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the Forestport postmaster.
6. **Concern (No Opinion):**
Customers felt inclement weather and poor road conditions might impede delivery
Response:
Both inclement weather and heavy mail volume can cause deviations from the normal delivery schedule. However, the carrier is required to provide a vehicle of adequate size, equipped with necessary equipment (chains or snow tires, warning lights or signs, etc.) to serve the route safely and efficiently and in accordance with federal, state, and local motor vehicle laws and regulations.
7. **Concern (No Opinion):**
Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance
Response:
Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates a positive annual savings.
8. **Concern (No Opinion):**
Customers were concerned about mail security
Response:
Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.
9. **Concern (No Opinion):**
Customers were concerned about a change of address



UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE

May 20, 2011

RE: Woodgate NY

Memo to the record. This is a place card for item 26 Community meeting letter (If community meeting held prior to questionnaire) Meeting was held after questionnaires were sent.
Reference item 21.

Nadine Tremblay

Nadine Tremblay
Post Office Review Coordinator

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June 27, 2011

Memo to the record: On 06/24/11 a petition with 693 signatures requesting the Postal Service not close the Woodgate Post Office and to reappoint a postmaster was received from Woodgate Citizens Committee.

On 06/27/11, an acknowledgement was mailed to Woodgate Citizens Committee, PO Box 52, Woodgate, NY 13494-0052 informing Woodgate Citizens Committee the petition and was received and has been added to the official record.

Jane Wolfgang

Jane Wolfgang
A/Optimization Coordinator



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June 27, 2011

Woodgate Citizens Committee
PO Box 52
Woodgate, NY 13494-0052

Dear Woodgate Citizens Committee:

The United States Postal Service is in receipt of the recently submitted petition containing 693 signatures requesting the Postal Service not close the Woodgate Post Office and to reappoint a postmaster. The documentation has been added to the official record.

In answer to the Committee's comment on closing Post Offices would only save .07% of the Postal budget. The Postal Service has developed and begun implementing a range of cost-reducing initiatives. These include: consolidating operations, adjusting delivery routes, restructuring administrative and processing functions and closing district offices. We also have introduced several new products and services, including Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes and Adult Signature service, in an effort to grow revenue.

The Postal Service of the future will be smaller, leaner and more competitive. But it will continue to drive commerce, service communities and deliver value.

As a self-supporting government enterprise, the Postal Service receives no tax dollars. It relies solely on the sale of postage, products and services to pay for operating expenses. Revenue generation is a matter of business survival.

Thank you again for your interest and support of the United States Postal Service.

Sincerely,

Jane Wolfgang
A/Post Office Optimization Coordinator
USPS
Albany District
30 Karner Road
Albany NY 12288-9996

Postal 6/27/11

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PAGE Optional Comment Form

Signatures 693
Rec'd 6/24/11

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the WOODGATE Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

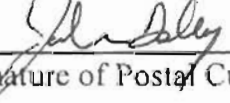
Unfavorable - Attached is a petition containing 693 signatures (45 pages) of citizens who are served by the Woodgate Post Office requesting you not to close our rural office and to reappoint a postmaster

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

Closure would affect the 650 citizens that have signed the attached.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Solve your pension issue, stop a public relations campaign of closing rural offices by trying to show savings when in fact these office closings will affect 0.7% of your budget.

Woodgate Citizens Committee		President
Name of Postal Customer	Signature of Postal Customer	
PO Box 52		
Mailing Address		
Woodgate, N.Y. 13494	6-20-11	
City, State, and ZIP Code	Date	

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NAME

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1. Sue H. Cascey 6061 Round Lk Rd. Woodgate, NY 13494
2. Donna Lawrence 1500 Bear Creek Rd. Woodgate, NY 13494
3. B. Palt 5055 Serv's Rd. Woodgate, NY 13494
4. Elizabeth Rando 350 Eureka Ave. Herkimer, NY 13363
5. Ruth Rando 350 Eureka Ave. Herkimer, NY 13360
6. Susan Fischer 12195 Kinross Rd. Forestport, NY 13338
7. Kathy Swowski 344 Fenton Ln. Boonville, NY 13301
8. Rich Yellon Boonville, NY 13309
9. Road Burgdo 4 Boonville, NY 13328
10. Russel Battles Port Jervis, NY 13433
11. Susan Fether THS Camp, Woodgate, NY
12. Denise Elandson P.O. Box 21 Woodgate, NY 13494
13. Nadine Corrigan 1032 Ferncliff Kd. Remsen, NY 13436
14. Gina Reinhardt 504 Kline Dr. Forestport
15. Jay Lee 504 Kline Dr. Forestport
16. Bob & Pete Macken 114 Bee Line; Forestport

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| 17 Sean Karn | Hunt Rd Woodgate 13494 |
| 18 Owen Karn | Hunt Rd Woodgate 13494 |
| 19 Tim Hulsler | 1066 Brink RD 13494 |
| 20 Josh Hedden | 304 Church St 13309 |
| 21 David Howland | 12093 Woodhull Rd Forestport 13338 |
| 22 Lois Lowenberg | 168 Gray Road O.F. 13420 |
| 23 Bob Lowenberg | Old Forge 13420 |
| 24 Renee F Thorp - Sedal | 8729 Sutherland Hill RD
Boonville NY 13309 |
| 25 Robin Magee | PO Box 115
Forestport, NY 13383 |
| 26 William B. Perket | 1107 Beaver Creek Woodgate |
| 27 KANDY McCoy | Forestport NY. 13338 |
| 28 Tom Callins | Woodgate Rd, Woodgate 13494 |

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29 James Riegtz	Boonville
30 Gabriel Riegtz	
31 Mike Prudhoe	Box 46 Boonville
32 Don Adams	Woodgate, N.Y.
33 Dan Sael	OTHER PLACE
34 Mike Sael	other lake - forestport, ny
35 Mary Bracchi	1042 Birch Rd.
36 Kevin Alt	Woodgate, ny
37 Denise Krenner	105 Hutton Hgts Boonville
38 Lindsey Wilson	105 Hutton Hgts Boonville
39 Ronald Holtz	Old Forge, N.Y.
40 Jill Hallister	Old Forge, NY
41 Betty Schumacher	White Lake Faywood, N.Y.
42 J. Schraab	" "
43 Kathy Dustin	Boonville, NY
44 Bob Dustin	"

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45	Chris Burnett-Wolke	8088 Cayron Rd. Woodgate NY 13494
46	William Sprowell	7046 Irish Settlement Rd Forestport NY 13338
47	Royanne Sprowell -	7046 Irish Settlement NY 13338
49	Wade Pendergast	7070 Murphy Rd Port Leyden 13433
49	T. J. Pendergast	
50	Robert Steria	P.O. Box 742, Boonville, N.Y.
51	Banks Steria	"
52	Matt Steria	"
53	Bonne Bauder	Forestport
54	Jojo Korman	3051 Millers Woods h.
55	Jeff Fischer	Forestport, N.Y.
56	Tom C. Craft	O/D FOREST
57	Alan Woodruff	POB #1 Woodgate
58	Lois Bepko	
59	Thomas J. J. J. J.	Boonville NY
60	A. A. A.	Forestport NY
61	Jammy Yelton	Boonville NY
62	Ed. Yelton	Boonville NY
63	Min. M.	5949 Quoit NY

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64. Maureen Kantor
65. Paul Swartz
66. Jay & Sigali
67. Allen & Tom
68. John & Sally
69. Joe & Jill
70. J. Gilbert
71. Susan & Allen
72. Ben Evans
73. Betty Evans
74. John R Adams
75. ELIZABETH HAGENAUER
76. Joseph Hill
77. Lou Amici
78. James F. Smith
79. Alan Woodruff
80. Mary Ann L. Rudya
81. Carl Lucareo
82. Kathleen Lucareo
83. Mary F. Losher
84. Roxanne Coleman

8160 Capron Rd. Woodgate
6120 Round Fork Rd. Woodgate NY 13494
252 Long Lake Rd Woodgate 13492
P.O. Box 82 Woodgate, N.Y. 13494
PO Box 57 Woodgate NY 13494
PO Box 12 Woodgate NY 13494
P.O. Box 12 Woodgate N.Y. 13494
P.O. Box 144 Woodgate, NY 13494
PO Box 212 Woodgate, NY 13494
PO Box 212 Woodgate, NY
P.O. Box 53 Woodgate NY 13494
911 Home Ave Dr Forestport 13338
PO Box 128 Woodgate NY
11 11 05 11 11
PO Box 43 Woodgate NY
PO Box 44 Woodgate, NY
PO Box 129 Woodgate, NY 13494
12691 RT 28 WOODGATE
12691 STATE RT 28
WOODGATE NY 13494
8021 Capron Rd. Woodgate
8081 Capron Rd. Woodgate NY 13494
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85 Harold Egan	8083 Capron Rd Woodgate 13494
86 Ron Carley	8119 Capron Rd. Woodgate 13494
87 M. C. C.	8155 Capron Rd 13494
88 J. P. C.	10760 Woodgate Rd. 13494
89 Jack Smith	8184 Capron Rd 13494
90 B. K.	5055 Sears Rd 13494
91 Doris Lawrence	1500 Bear Creek 13494
92 J. J.	7088 Walnut Rd 13494
93 John D. D.	210 LITTLE LONG LAKE RD
94 Judith L. L.	210 Little Long Lake Rd
95 Geraldine B.	4340 Cedarvale Rd, Syracuse 13215
96 Diana Green	4304 Abbey Rd., Syracuse 13215
97 Mike F.	55 Red Lion Rd HENRIETTA NY
98 Denise E.	P.O. BOX 21 Woodgate, NY 13494
99 Kevin S.	8761 Parker Hollow Rd, Burnsville 13404

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	NAME	ADDRESS
100	DAVE DGLIS	11 Twin Pines Ln, Ste. 1A, Lake, NY
101	JIM KREUTZER	1010 NORTON RD, OTTER LAKE, N.Y.
102	Joan and John Trach	Twin Pines Lane, Forestport, N.Y.
103	Gene Webster	14641 St Rt 28, Forestport NY
104	Edmund M. Cannick	Lakeview Rd.
105	Connie Hurd	1761 N George St Rome, 13440
106	J. BATLLE	4313 Lakeview Rd. Otter Lake 13338
107	MIKE + DARBY ROG	4103 LAKEVIEW RD FORESTPORT NY 13338
108	LORI LUPINI	9 IRISH ALLEY FORESTPORT, NY 13338
109	Peg Gehrig	GRACE Point, Otter Lake, NY.
111	Ann Pacilio	Rt. 28 Otter Lake, N.Y.
112	Clark Wellman	1046 NORTON RD,
113	Stephen Surace	4071 Lakeview Dr. OTTER LAKE, NY
114	Patricia Tropea	4023 Lakeview Rd Otter Lake NY
115	Jodi West	4083 Lakeview Rd, Otter Lake, NY
116	Lorae Brown	" " "
117	Carmille Fouts	4249 LAKEVIEW RD OTTER LAKE
118	Gabrielle Loder	4251 Lakeview Rd. Otter Lake
119	Mona Lueck	4305 Lakeview Rd. Otter Lake

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ADDRESS

120 Rebecca M. Jr	1521 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate
121 Jan Knudsen	12133 St Rte 28, Woodgate
122 Robert J. Chwazik	62 Old Ice House Rd Woodgate
123 Richard B. Hemeny	416 Point Rd, Woodgate
124 Philip L. Rubyer	P.O. Box 50 Woodgate
125 Vincent Sbarra	7060 WALNUT RD
126 Donna Sbarra	7060 WALNUT RD
127 Rocky Knudsen	12133 St. Rte 28, Woodgate NY
128 Richard LaLata	13494 Woodgate N.Y.
129 Mark J. Lilliof.	13494 5085 Embury Rd, Woodgate
130 Rita Raymond	1438 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate
131 James Raymond	P.O. Box 98, Woodgate
132 Cypher R. Spring	13015 State Rt 28 Woodgate
133 Barbara R. Spring	13009 St. Rte. 28 Woodgate
134 Luann Doren	1521 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate NY
135 William McDougall	PO Box 667 Lyons Falls NY 13368
136 Amanda Haskins	PO Box 45, Woodgate NY 13494
137 Manti Dwyer	14 point Rd. Woodgate NY 13494
138 Karen Dwyer	
139 John J. Dwyer	

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ADDRESS

140 Joanne Coade	Thendara, NY
141 Glenn Coade	T. ALBANY, NY
142 Lyle M. Cook	1521 Bear Creek Rd. Woodgate, NY
143 Bill HEASBACH	10675 Woodgate v.d.
144 Zach Milberg	1521 Bear Creek Rd. Woodgate, NY
145 Eric Burns	3175 Daywood Drive Woodgate NY 13494
146 William M. "Bill" Burns	3175 Daywood Drive Woodgate NY 13494
147 June Bender	1025 Red Pond Lane, Boonville NY 13309
148 Richard Bender	1025 Red Pond Lane Boonville NY
149 Beth Butcher	12996 Rt 28 N, Forestport, NY 13331
150 Samuel Butcher	11
151 Nicole Cosco	1552 Irish Settlement Rd Forestport NY
152 Barb Chase	1424 Bear Creek Rd. Woodgate NY 13494
153 Kevin Chase	1424 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate, NY 13494
154 Garrett Roseboom	PO Box 87, Woodgate, NY 13494
155 Chyllis Roseboom	PO Box 87 Woodgate NY 13494
156 James McQuinn	Hamelton, NY 13346
157 Virginia A. Edwards	Norwiche, N.Y. BK 15 -
158 William DePaul	Bethel Rd. Remsen 25 yrs.

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NAME

ADDRESS

59 Wes Howard ⁷²

1721 Bear Creek Rd, Woodgate NY

60 Maureen Weber

11016 Woodgate Rd Woodgate, NY.

161 Vernon Isley

Rt 28

162 Mrs. Stiffen

7 Sim St Leticia

163 Kate

44 Cornett Rd, Winchester, MA

164 Monika Hall

P.O. Box 31, Woodgate N.Y.

165 Joe Hall

P.O. Box 31 Woodgate NY

166 Simone Hall

68 Bulden Rd, Carmel, NY

167 Linda Adair

100 York Rd Dewitt NY

168 Joan Benson

1136 S. Hancock Rd, Syracuse NY

169 Bob Seager

P.O. Box 29 WOODGATE, NY 13494

170 Joan Seager

P.O. Box 29, Woodgate, N.Y. 13494

171 Debbie Williamson

P.O. Box 117 West Leyden NY 13489

172 Carleen Bulinski

2235 Highby Rd
Frankford NY 13340

173 Kurt A. J.

~~272~~ 272 W. Street OF

174 Paul J. Bulinski

4006 Willow Dr. White Lake 13420

175 Mary Ann

PO Box 152 Old Forge NY 13421

176 Dominick & SCAVO

6655 Buckland Dr MARCY
6655 Buckland Dr Marcy NY 13408

177 Rita Ann Scavo

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NAME	ADDRESS
178 Glenyce Van Schneider	6060 White Lake Rd
179 Kathy Walck	13860 State Rt 28
180 James Cawell	14279 Lakeview
181 Robert Young	4035 LAKEVIEW Rd.
182 S L M W-LK	6021 TURK Rd
183 David R Chang	1026 Norton Rd
184 Diane Mello	156 Woods Rd, Otter Lake
185 Lauren R Dun	4029 Lakeview Rd
186 Chris Kuspi	14072 State Rt 28
187 Heidi Abrial	13869 State Rt 28
188 Heather Plunkett	14026 Rt 28
189 Tam Sinnott	92-45 Lake View Rd, Otter Lake 13338
190 Vicki L. Lich	14186 State Rt 28
191 Kathleen Sullivan	13879 State Rt 28 Otter Lake
192 Carole Gehrig	14051 State Rt 28 Otter Lake, NY
193 David F. Bettinger	3015 Lighthouse Loop Otter Lake, N.Y.
194 [Signature]	5085 Elmwood Rd. Woodgate NY
195 Raymond Plunkett	14076 Rt 28 Otter Lake N.Y.

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NAME

ADDRESS

196 Peter Salazar	RD 42 Woodgate, NY 13494
197 Tony & Pat Campora	Rte 28 31524, Forestport, N.Y.
198 [Signature]	Rte 28 #62 WOODGATE, N.Y.
199 Donna J. Sargis	13803 State Rte 28, Forestport
200 [Signature]	Lakewood Rd, Forestport
201 Lenny Murphy	Lakewood Forestport
202 [Signature]	1283 Bear Creek Rd
203 [Signature]	Woodgate NY 13494
204 [Signature]	1215 Rte 28, Forestport, 13494
205 Kathy & Ed White	13596 Rte 28, Forestport
206 [Signature]	Rt 28 FORESTPORT NY,
207 Art Nathan	340 Long Lake Rd Woodgate NY
208 Sandra Monr	Woodgate, NY 13494
209 Amanda Capron	10809 Norton Rd, Forestport, NY 13338
210 James M Johnson	13879 st. Rte 28 Otter Lake NY 13331
211 [Signature]	Firehouse Lane Otter Lake NY

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NAME

ADDRESS

211 Luane Borer	13009 St Rt. 28 Woodgate
212 Nancy Mackesie	Round Lake Rd, Forestport
213 Ron Holt	5071 ELMWOOD Rd. White Lake, Woodgate NY
214 Jeff Sherman	703 sycamore Terrace New. H., NY. 13214
215 Howard Basnoid	8033 Copson Rd Woodgate 13959 Rt 28, Otter Lake, NY
216 Tuck & Butler	
217 Shannon Lynch	
218 Sharon Winchels	6021 Tuck Rd. Woodgate
219 Charlene Sege	
220 M. B. Brightman	11954 ST RT 28 Forestport 5009 Sears Rd Woodgate
221 Barbara Pack	7901 Walnut Rd, Woodgate, NY
222 Betty Quinn	4171 Lakeview Rd Otter Lake, NY
223 Sandy Knobbe	Daywood Rd Woodgate
224 Cecilia Fagan Polidore	
225 Karen M. Kuege	Otter Lake, NY
226 Linda M. Kelly	" "
227 Suzanne Desjardis	Otter Lake, NY.
228 Theresa Kelly	Otter Lake NY

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NAME

ADDRESS

229 Judith B. Shaughnessy	PO Box 15, Woodgate, NY 13494
230 Joe Hall	P.O. 31 Woodgate NY 13494
231 Leonika Hall	P.O. 31 " " X
232 Dan Shaughnessy	P.O.B. 15 " "
233 Anna S. Conboy	314 RT 7 PITTSFORD VT 05763
234 Karen Dwyer	P.O. Box 45 Woodgate, NY
235 Courtney Weller	RT 28, Woodgate, NY 13494
236 Ruth Chiril	PO BOX 116 WOODGATE NY 13494
237 Nayne Niskala	PO Box 127 Woodgate NY 13494
238 Naomi Niskala	PO Box 127 " " "
239 Barb Chase	1404 BearCreek Rd. Woodgate, NY 13494
240 Gloria Shaw	PO Box 222 79 Budy Rd Woodgate
241 DARREN SHAW	19 Stebbins Dr. Clifton, NY 13323
242 Len Shaw	PO Box 222 Woodgate, NY
243 PATRICIA R. HOLT Patricia R. Holt	5071 Elmwood Rd, Woodgate, NY
244 Pat Thomas	8047 Capron R.I. Woodgate, NY
245 Don & Betty Hoff	PO Box 17 Woodgate
246 Julie & Brian Kenny	13049 RT. 28 Woodgate
247 John & Janet Mulvey	

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NAME

ADDRESS

248 Yare Donata

Forestport, NY

249 Pato Donata

Forestport, NY

250 Mr. Poles

Adda Creek, N.Y.

251 Linda Burwell

Boonville, NY

252 [Signature]

Boonville, NY

253 G. Bush

Forestport

254 Todd Lee

Boonville, N.Y.

255 Che Del L

256 Joan Kloster

New Hartford N.Y.

257 Bev Kloster

New Hartford N.Y.

258 John J. Conbs

Forestport, N.Y.

259 [Signature]

Utica N.Y.

260 Tonia Shuman

Utica NY

261 Fred Wither

Boonville, N.Y.

262 Charles Howard

Boonville NY

263 Tyla Althoff

Forestport, NY

264 Elizabeth Naeim

Fort Woodgate

265 Janet Ciccone

Remsen

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266 Megan Dack
 267 Bill Simmons
 268 Red C. Benckhoff
 269 ARTHUR LYNN
 270 [Signature]
 271 Bob Lany
 272 Ben Campbell
 273 Florence Lany
 274 Lewis Walters
 275 William / [Signature]
 276 Angela Williams
 277 Tom Denslow
 278 Rich Fitzmaurice
 279 [Signature]
 280 [Signature]
 281 [Signature]

229 E Smith St
 Helkner, NY 13350
 Sauguit N.Y.
 Syracuse N.Y. 13218
 Woodgate, N.Y. 13494
 12197 Woodgate Rd. FD
 11591 Forestport
 11800 Dutch Hill Forestport,
 11591 St Rt 28, Forestport
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NAME

ADDRESS

282	Scott Phander	Box 305 Ramser NY
283	Julie Mosicki	Boonville, NY
284	GARY MOSICKI	Boonville N.Y.
285	Greg MAZUY	White Lake, NY
286	Danielle Mazuy	White Lake
287	Both Murphy	Boonville, N.Y.
288	Bill M...	Boonville N.Y.
289	Lisa M Kornmayer	Boonville, NY
290	Wm H Hough	Forestport NY
291	Mary Ellen McCue	White Lake
292	Kevin C McCue	Anja Michael
293	Beatt M. Parsons	Tor Br
294	Sherry Gleasman	Boonville.
294	Bruce J Hart	Woodgate
296	Candy Combs	Boonville.
297	Hinnie Regtz	Boonville
298	Tor Br	Boonville

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299 Kim Taylor	Forestport, NY
300 Gary Taylor	Forestport, NY
301 Mike Ferguson	Forestport, NY
302 Paula Zywicki	
303 Susan Boor	Woodgate (Wallnut Rd - 7083
304 Richard B. Gentry	Woodgate, N.Y.
305 Addie Dack	Forestport, N.Y. 13357
306 Name Condor	Boonville, NY
307 Jack Smith	Woodgate, NY
308 Stephanie Bellwain	Forestport, N.Y.
309 Elizabeth	Woodgate, NY
310 Kim Rieth	Woodgate, NY
311 Name Granier	Clinton, N.Y.
312 Melton Canale	Forestport, NY
313 Marion Canale	Forestport, NY
314 Marty Canale	Boonville, NY
315 Mary Rieth	Woodgate, NY
316 Bob Rieth	Woodgate, NY

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1 SCOTT DeVoe	Boonville, NY
18 Lynn Densta	Boonville, NY
19 Helen Pfendler	Romsepe, NY
20 Colleen Potter	Woodgate, N.Y.
324 Sarah Burnett Woke	8088 Capron Rd, Woodgate NY
322 Kevin Cdr	Boonville, NY
323 Dan Cabie	Boonville, N.Y.
324 Eileen J. J. J.	Boonville NY
325 Michelle Battista	Boonville, NY
326 Mr. Battista	Boonville, N.Y.
327 Donald G. Hart	Forestport N.Y.
328 Diane Lewis	Whitesboro NY
329 Wally Maillio	Remsen NY
330 James Maillio	Remsen NY
331 Jerry Ratto	Forestport NY
332 Margaret Shover	Forestport, N.Y.
333 Ken Ernst	Forestport
334 Justin Battles	Boonville, NY
335 Dawn Currier	Forestport NY
336 Robert Young	Woodgate NY
337 Misty McGough	

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338 Barb Chase

313~~E~~ 1424 Bear Creek Rd

339 Sally Clark

Woodgate, NY 13494
276 Long Lake Rd, Woodgate

340 Thomas Clark

276 Long Lake Rd Woodgate

341 Kathleen M. Lawrence

10534 Woodgate Rd, Woodgate 13494

342 Susan F. Allen

P.O. Box 144, Woodgate, 13494

343 Joe Fui

P.O. Box 64 Woodgate, N.Y.
13494

344 Susan Miller

230 Long Lake Rd. Woodgate,
NY

345 Sara J Campanaro

POB 44 Forestport, NY 13338

346 RONI WALKER

PO BOX 69 WOODGATE NY 13494

347 William H Karn

424 Long Lake Rd. Woodgate NY

348 WALTER PATRICK

P.O. BOX 118 WOODGATE NY

349 Nicholas D Kelly

PO Box 57 Woodgate NY

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NAME

ADDRESS

350 Susan J. Hutchins

14086 St Rt 28, Otter Lake, Forestport, NY 13338
1037 NORTON RD OTTER CRY 13328

351 James E. Ryan

352 David J. Ryan

1283 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate 13494

353 William A. Ryan

13859 Rt 28 Otter Lake, N.Y.

354 Cameron Peck

12241 Rt 28 Woodgate NY

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NAME

ADDRESS

355	Choral Viny	3635 #Nine Road CAZENOVIA N.Y.
356	Jackie Viny	3635 Main St Cazenovia, NY 13035
357	Judy Roberts	P.O. Box 203 Woodgate NY
358	DBA White Lake Antiques	13494
359	Louis Reg	17300 Rte 1A Oswego NY 13126

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	NAME	ADDRESS
360	Willa Mayan Starnes	2 Richardson Ave Utica, NY 13502
361	Jeffrey David Starnes	2 Richardson Ave Utica NY 13502
362	Joseph Starnes	2 Richardson Ave Utica NY 13502
363	Terence Starnes	2 Richardson Ave Utica N.Y. 13502

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364 Virginia Vorhis	43 Jordan Rd Pittsford NY
365 Dore + Harriet Vorhis	Woodgate NY
366 Donald Popovich	5048 Bentliff Rd P.O. Box 118 - Woodgate, N.Y. 13494
367 Margaret J. Sykes	PO Box 66 Woodgate 13494-0066
368 Bud Sykes	" "
369 Sandy Pasucci	P.O. Box 238 " "
370 Jean Seager	P.O. Box 29 Woodgate, N.Y. 13494
371 Donald Smith	P.O. Box 142 Woodgate, N.Y.
372 Hyle Sears	P.O. Box 46 Woodgate NY 13494
373 Wm Lawrence	411 Room Fair De Forest
374 Joe + Morrika Hall	P.O. Box 31 Woodgate NY
375 Barbara + Chris Getman	1699 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate NY
376 Dana Lawrence	1500 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate
377 Bill Karry	424 Long Lake Rd, Woodgate NY
378 Timothy D. Fish	157 LONG LAKE RD. WOODGATE NY
379 Thomas + Bonnie Panara	Arizona/Woodgate
380	
381 Gene Webster	1401 SR 28 COLLER LAKE
382 Patricia Diller	PO Box 143 - Woodgate, NY 13494
383 Mary Ann	PO Box 88 Woodgate NY 13494
384 Thomas + Rebecca Dier	Arizona/Woodgate
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86 JOANNE PAPROCK Joanne Paprock	P.O. Box 118 WOODGATE, NY 13494-0118
87 Paul + Anne Dunn	P.O. Box 22 Woodgate, ny 13494
88 Jaye & Jack Swannick	P.O. Box 14 Woodgate, NY 13494
89 No Two ALIKE, INC.	P.O. Box 14 Woodgate, NY 13494
90 Diane Pfudler	1197 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate NY, 13494
91 James F. Finch	1148 Bear Creek Woodgate NY 13494
92 Paul Baerglund	18011 RT 28 WOODGATE 13494
93 Scott Warrin	P.O. Box 127 Woodgate NY 13494
94 Kimiko Niskala	10741 Halfmoon shoul #202 Route 55 P.O. 13494
95 Linda D Carl	12927 State Rt 28, Woodgate NY 13494
96 John Tibbitts	290 Longlake Rd Woodgate NY 13494
97 ROBERT L. ZELAZOWSKI	1263 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate NY 13494
98 Bethany Lamphere	6015 Rogers Rd Woodgate NY 13494
99 Mark H Rubyon	P.B. 148 Woodgate NY 13494
100 DAVID L. CURRAN	P.O. Box 204 WOODGATE NY 13494
101 Nancy L. Woodschlager	P.O. Box 845 Old Forge, N.Y. 13420
102 Louis P. Riutrone	P.O. Box 212 Woodgate, NY 13494
103 Owen R. EVANS	P.O. Box 112 Woodgate NY 13494
104 Betty Evans	P.O. Box 54 WOODGATE N.Y. 13494
105 Robert Schield	P.O. Box 188 Woodgate, N.Y. 13494
106 John Parkun	P.O. Box 44 Woodgate N.Y. 13494
107 Thomas Lewis	
108 Cheryl McEntire	

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ADDRESS

410	Kristy Rubyer	PO Box 1090 Bear Creek Rd
	Susan H. Allan	83 Woodgate, NY 13494
412	G. D. Hoff Post Office	P.O. Box 144, 2078 Walnut Rd.
413	Adam J. Paul	PO Box 87 Woodgate, NY
414	MICHAEL DITTMAN	P.O. Box 86 Woodgate, NY 13494
415	LIANE DITTMAN	PO BOX 165 WOODGATE NY 13494
416	MICHAEL NESBIT	PO BOX 165 WOODGATE NY 13494
417	Hannah Entwistle	P.O. Box 152 Woodgate NY 13494
418	Dolyn Marquette	P.O. Box 44 Woodgate, NY 13494
419	H. Dillat - Fox	PO Box 100 Woodgate NY 13494
420	M. J. J. J. J.	P.O. Box 12 Woodgate, NY 13494
421	Brayton Segels	P.O. Box 12 Woodgate, NY 13494
422	Ernie R. R.	Box 26 WOODGATE 13494
423	Tim Conkey	Bellingtown Rd. Forestport, NY 13358
424	Star Livingstone	1065 Rt 28 Woodgate, 13494
425	Gerry Stocks	11946 State St 28 Woodgate, NY 13494
426	George Stocks	10793 Woodgate Rd Woodgate, NY
427	Steven Stocks	" " " "
428	Stefan Rubyer	" " " "
429	Jillie Noti	PB 148 Woodgate NY 13494
430	Kimberly P. Fendler	P.O. Box 1 Woodgate NY 13494
431	William R. Plender	PB 148 Woodgate NY 13494

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432	Stephanie Ditz	PO Box 214, Woodgate, NY 13494
433	Paul Ditz	" " "
434	Thomas A Clark	po Box 237 Woodgate, NY
435	Sally Clark	PO Box 237 Woodgate 13494 NY, 13494
436	David A. Macheson	P.O. BOX 213 "
437	Richard J Chwartz	P.O. Box 116 " "
438	Kevin E Moran	PO Box 88 Woodgate, NY 13494
439	John J. Kline	PO Box 33 Woodgate NY 13494
440	Robert W. Pitre	PO Box 96 Woodgate, NY 13494
441	Robert Cape	BOX 11 woodgate NY
442	Pat Roman SR	Box 28. WOODGATE NY 13494
443	Nick LaRocca	14021 Ste Rt 28 Forestport
444	Julie Brighton	PO Box 208 Woodgate 13494
445	Cathy Benz	3054 Maple Rd., Woodgate NY 13494
446	Deborah Hebel	12771 Route 28, Woodgate NY 13494
447	Dee L...	12771 Route 28, Woodgate NY 13494
448	Eric + Lindsay Waibel	49 Point Rd. Woodgate NY 13494

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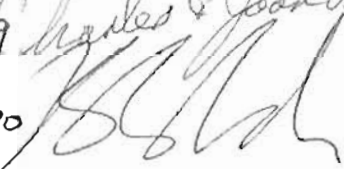

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450	Mrs Smith	12737 St. Rt. 28 Woodgate N.Y.
451	H. B. Enten	80 OLD ICE HOUSE RD. WOODGATE, NY
452	Carl Cuccaro	RT 28 WOODGATE NY 12691
453	David Cuffin	41 Bridge Rd, White Lake
454	Joan Pfeiffer	67 Bridge Rd White Lake
455	Joe Pfeiffer	67 Bridge Rd " "
456	Patricia J. Howard	P.O. Box 8-12417 St Rt 28 Woodgate NY 13494
457	Mike Valenta	21 Old Ice House Road WOODGATE, N. Y. 13494
458	Ally White Lake	Polaris- 12822 State Rt. 28 Woodgate NY 13494
459	Maggie Runk	30 Point Rd Woodgate ny 13494
460	Jan Van Valkenburg	#133 Rt. 28 - McKewer Otter Lake, N.Y. 13338
461	Kowalik's Hotel	# 14195 - Rt. 28 Otter Lake, N.Y. 13338
462	Estella M. Kowalik	# 14195 - Rt. 28 / Apt. #1 Otter Lake, N.Y. 13338
463	Alfred Brun	12768 STATE ROUTE 28 WOODGATE N.Y. 13494
464	Ely Dissenauer	911 Low Pine Wd Forestport

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| 465 | John Cooley | 4700 Herndon Rd, Shortsville, NY 145 |
| 466 | Peter Lamp | 10556, Woodgate Rd, Woodgate, NY, 13494 |
| 467 | Paul Phillips | 81 Newell Rd Woodgate NY 13094 |
| 468 | Doug Miller | 81 Newell Rd Woodgate N.Y. 13094 |
| 469 | Charles & Joanne | 10760 Woodgate Rd., NY. |
| 470 |  | 10850 Woodgate Road Woodgate, NY 13494 |
| 471 |  | 12314 Route 28 Woodgate NY 13494 |
| 472 | Jim Clark | 68 Old Ice House Rd, Woodgate |
| 473 | Linda Clark | 68 Old Ice House Rd, Woodgate |
| 474 | Ken Grabinger | 700 Icehouse Road, Woodgate |
| 475 | Mike Przybylski | 70 Old House Road, Woodgate |
| 476 | Shelley Entwistle | 80 Old Ice House Rd Woodgate |
| 477 | Jane Dye | 63 Bridge Rd, Woodgate |
| 478 | David Bourgeois | 71 Bridge Road Woodgate |
| 479 | Bob Thomas | 73 Bridge Rd, Woodgate |

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480 George J. Stecker	10793 Woodgate Rd. Woodgate
481 Edward Stecker	10793 Woodgate Rd Woodgate
482 Al Stecker	1320 Bearcreek Rd Woodgate
483 Scott Elsenhart	6077 Round Lake Rd Woodgate
484 Watt Kozyna	152 L.L.L. Road Woodgate N.Y.
485 Lori Woods	224 L.L.L. Rd. Woodgate, N.Y.
486 Robert Warlick	224 L.L.L. Rd "Woodgate, N.Y.
487 [Signature]	236 L.L.L. Rd. " "
488 Tim Downey	264 Long Lake Rd. "
489 Anne B. Dunn	268 Long Lake Rd. " "
490 Anthony Belle	272 Long Lake Rd
491 Judy Belle	272 Long Lake Rd.
492 Jeff Davis	283 Long Lake Rd
493 Jim Davis	284 Long Lake Rd Woodgate N.Y.
494 BRYN DAVIS	284 LONG LAKE RD, WOODGATE
495 Jeanne Davis	284 Long Lake Rd Woodgate
496 Bill Timman	284 Long Lake Rd Woodgate
497 Barb Timman	284 Long Lake Rd Woodgate
498 Susan Davis	289 Long Lake Rd Woodgate

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NAME	ADDRESS
499 Helen B. Tinkler	290 Long Lake Rd. Woodgate PO Box 91
500 Beverly McNally	292 Long Lake Rd Woodgate 13494
501 Paul DeLucia Bullock	304 Long Lake Rd woodgate
502 BRUCE E. KITNEY	410 LITTLE LONG LAKE RD WOODGATE, NY
503 Sam B. Fitch	410 Little Long Lake Rd Woodgate, NY
504 Edward Woodrow	422 Long Lake Rd, Woodgate, NY 13494
505 Edward Woodrow	8039 Capron Rd, Woodgate NY
506 Tara L. Burnett - w/11	8098 Capron Rd. Woodgate NY
507 Martha Aruke	8137 Capron Rd Woodgate NY
508 Sue Sprague	8137 Capron Rd. Woodgate NY
509 Jim & Jan Waring	8139 Capron Rd Woodgate, NY
510 Christopher R. Foy	8060 Capron Rd Woodgate NY
511 Jeffrey Lisher	8021 CAPRON RD WOODGATE
512 DICK HOWARD	146 L. Long Ln. Rd. WOODGATE 13494
513 SAN KARN	#2 Hunt Rd Woodgate 13494
514 Ann Turner	1141 Hunt Rd. Woodgate NY 13494

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515 Peter Coen	1155 Hunt Rd Woodgate N.Y.
516 Laurie Mahanna.	1155 Hunt Rd Woodgate N.Y.
517 Lori McGill	1155 Hunt Rd Woodgate N.Y.
518 Mike McGill	1155 Hunt Rd Woodgate N.Y.
519 Joe Lopina	1166 Hunt Rd Woodgate N.Y.
520 Allen McGill	1166 Hunt Road Woodgate N.Y.
521 Charles Garton	2 South Shore Rd
522 Peter Tamburro	7 South Shore Rd Woodgate
523 Mary Anne Tamburro	7 South Shore Rd. Woodgate, NY
524 John Hunsel	75 Bridge Rd, Whitehall
525 Ke Shaw	79 Bridge Rd Woodgate
526 Cindy Gierhart	83 Bridge Rd. Woodgate
527 Jon Silbert	83 Bridge Rd - Woodgate
528 Sarah Silbert	83 Bridge Rd - Woodgate
529 Sue Mayhew	12887 Rt 28 - Woodgate

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530	Steve Paternis	12941 ST RT 28 WOODGATE
531	Jim [Signature]	12947 ST RT 28 WOODGATE
532	Bene Armstrong	12947 ST RT 28 WOODGATE
533	Ch. Weller Courtney Weller	12593 ST RT 28 WOODGATE, NY
534	[Signature] Aaron Weller	12593 ST RT 28 WOODGATE NY
535	Domnick Paternoster	12961 - WOODGATE NY.
536	Brenda Peety	12962 - Woodgate, N.Y.
537	Cornelia Brewster	13027 - RT 28 Woodgate, NY 13494
538	John Baker	13021 Rt. 28 Woodgate 13494
539	[Signature]	" " "
540	Barbara H. Rosayfield	13011 RT 28 Woodgate NY 13494
541	Diana Trishie	12794 Rt. 28 Woodgate 13494
542	Donna S. Kufon	12959 - wood gate NY.
543	Shirley Ann [Signature]	12958 Rt 28, Woodgate N.Y.
544	Eileen Welpa	5006 Alder Rd., Woodgate, NY
545	Martin E. Welpa	5006 Alder Rd., Woodgate, NY

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546	Louis Azar	5049 Elmwood Rd
547	John Matrella	Woodgate
548	Angela Matrella	5056 Elmwood Rd Woodgate
549	Paul Alucens	5056 Elmwood Rd Woodgate
550	Haley B Grabauskas	52 Point Rd. Woodgate
551	Jed Hestman	866 Lone Pine Rd Forestport.
552	Ms Barbara Roberts	11915 St Rt 28 Forestport NY
553	James M. Roberts	11920 St. Rt 28 Forestport NY.
554	Antia Samaras	11920 St Rt 28 Forestport, NY
555	Eric M. Samaras	11920 St. Rt 28 Forestport NY
556	Clinton Mark	60824 ST RT 28 FORESTPORT NY
557	Anthony M. Samaras	11930 ST RT 28 Forestport NY
558	Anthony M. Samaras	11954 State Route 28 Forestport NY
559	John M. Samaras	11954 State Rte 28 Forestport NY
560	Al. Buckley	12012 STATE Hwy 28 Wood Gate NY
561	Phil Buckley	12015 State Rt 28 Woodgate N.Y
562	Wayne Rogers	12015 STATE Rt 28 Woodgate
563	Irma Rogers	6147 Rogers Rd
564	Judith Rogers	6147 Rogers Road
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NAME	ADDRESS
565 June Taylor	6139 Rogers Rd, Woodgate, ny
566 Robert Rogers	6133 Rogers Rd, Woodgate, ny
567 Julia Tyler	6100 Rogers Rd. Woodgate, NY.
568 Danielle Mazzy	12973 Rt 28, Woodgate ny
569 Renee Lee	PO BOX 32 Woodgate NY.
570 Randy Lee	PO BOX 32 Woodgate NY.
571 Charles Hammond	PO Box 154 Woodgate NY.
572 Annette Hammond	PO BOX 154 Woodgate, N.Y.
573 Fred Bowell	5045 ELmwood R. Woodgate, NY
574 Carl Bowell	5045 ELmwood Rd Woodgate NY
575 Scott Cornell	5129 Elmwood Rd Woodgate NY.
576 Patsi Sial	5141 Elmwood Rd Woodgate ny
577 Brian W Flint	3050 Maple Rd. Woodgate, N.Y.
578 Geraldine S. Wiediger	3060 Maple Rd. - Woodgate, N.Y.
579 Lin Reynolds	1941 Daywood Dr. Woodgate NY
580 Billy Burns	3175 Daywood Dr. Woodgate NY
581 Sandra Hobbs	3183 " " "
582 Anthony Kousner	3194 " " "

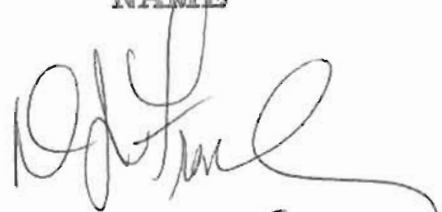
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583		10 FOX LANE WOODGATE, NY, 13494
584	Tharm Fowler	15 Fox Lane Woodgate, N.Y. 13494
585	Paula Ann May	3028 Maple Rd Woodgate, NY 13494
586	Camela Amonecy	3038 Maple Rd. Woodgate, NY 13494
587	William P. May II	3028 Maple Rd Woodgate NY 13494
588	Jennifer Allen	7044 Walnut Rd
589	Tina Allen	7044 Walnut Rd
590	Dana Aye	7044 Walnut Rd-
591	Joseph Artessa	5137 Elmwood Rd.
592	Mary Artessa	5137 Elmwood Rd.
593	Bob Whitehead	7055 Walnut Rd
594	Chock Addison	7052 Walnut Rd
595	Steve Addison	3031 Maple Rd,

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NAME	ADDRESS
611 Audrey Cross	1022 Birch Rd, woodgate NY 13494
612 Robert Cross Jr.	1022 Birch Rd, woodgate NY 13494
613 Marvin Stothard	1007 Buck Rd Woodgate N.Y. 13494
614 Bill Magnuson	8014 Poplar Woodgate
615 Sasha Tihomirov	8018 poplar rd woodgate 13494
616 Pat Payne	1077 Birch Rd Woodgate 13494
617 Bob Frank Roberts	6010 Hemlock Rd 13494
618 Jack L. Roberts	6010 HEWLOCK RD 13494
619 Robert F. Roberts	7027 Walnut Rd 13494
620 RICHARD J. SULLIVAN	7017 WALNUT RD, WHITE LAKE 13494
621 Guy F. Roberts	12736 State Route 28, Woodgate NY 13494
622 Dennis Cartwright	Bentley Rd Woodgate Rd
623 Ben R. Ken	80 LAKE RIDGE PIKE Rd woodgate, N
624 Jeddian Spear	10 S Shore Woodgate NY
625 Donna Morgan	12640 St. 28 Woodgate ny
626 John F. Morgan	20 Estate Dr.; New York (105 SHORE RD WOODGATE NY 13494)
627 Gail Chapman	12696 Rt 28 Woodgate - ny
628 [Signature]	7088 Walnut Rd woodgate NY
629 ALVIN Schrader	12370 Rt. 28 Woodgate, N.Y. 13494 P.O. Box 93

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ADDRESS

630 Joseph T. Embury	7111 Woodgate NY
631 DONALD HAERL	12711 81222 WOODGATE NY
632 John Quish	6015 Hemlock Rd.
633 Margaret + Joe Mylascus	woodgate, NY
634 Bob Bell	114 Spruce Rd Woodgate, NY 13494
635	11745 Spruce Rd WOODGATE N.Y.
636	5160 Elmwood Rd Woodgate.
637	3179 Daywood Woodgate
638	3135 Brownwood Dr. Woodgate
639	5079 Elmwood Rd 13494
640	7091 Walnut Woodgate
641	7047 Walnut Rd WOODGATE
642	7041 Walnut Rd Woodgate
643	11 Alder Hollow Rd woodgate.
	61 Bridge Rd. Woodgate

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NAME	ADDRESS
644 Ben Trode	12984 Route 128 Woodgate NY
645 Sally Clark	PO Box 237
646 Tom Clark	" (276 Long Lake Rd.)
647 Wendy Sell	90 Lake Ridge Heights
648 Beverly Sell	90 LAKE RIDGE HTS RD
649 Martin Korman	100 Lake Ridge Heights Woodgate
650 Richard Thwait	100 Lake Ridge Heights

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NAME

ADDRESS

651 John Fish

121 Newell
Woodgate, NY 13494

652 Linda D Carl

12927 State Rt 28
Woodgate NY 13494

653 Bernadette Weibel

49 Point Rd. Woodgate, NY 13494

654 Brendan Larrabee

55 Newell Rd

655 [Signature]

Woodgate, NY
111 Newell Rd

656 John K Mulvey

13049 Rt. 28

Forestport (Woodgate)
NY 13494

[Signature]

657 Karen Fisher
3961 Rodco Cir.
Camillus, NY 13031

216 Little Longlake Rd.
Woodgate, NY 13094

658 [Signature]
5058 Elmwood Rd

659 TED & DANA CIEBECK
630413 Point Rd

WOODGATE NY #13494
[Signature]

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	NAME	ADDRESS
661	David Buter	5031 ELKWOOD WOODGATE, NY 13494
662	Anne M Woodhuff	5138 Elmwood Woodgate, NY 13494
663	Lindsay Deisinger	Brownwood Dr. Woodgate, NY 13494
664	Otto Deisinger	Brownwood Dr. Woodgate, NY 13494
665	Scott Cottaris	TAMMUN. RD Woodgate, NY 13494
666	Harry E. Dery	5138 ELKWOOD RD. WOODGATE, NY 13494

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NAME

ADDRESS

667	Betsy Hicks McDonald	1707 BEAR CREEK Rd 13494
668	Robert J. Starnes	1617 Woodgate Rd 13494

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ADDRESS

669 Jim & Larue Morn	Bear Creek Rd, Woodgate
670 Elaine Mahaffy	P.O. Box 55 Woodgate
671 Danita Sessions	1317 Bearcreek Rd Woodgate.
672 John Hutter	1868 Bear Creek Rd. Woodgate
673 Mary Rittie	PO Box 96, Woodgate
674 Sherry Kelly	48 Old Ice House Rd Woodgate
675 Marie Robinson.	232 Long Lake Rd. woodgate

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NAME	ADDRESS
676 Marilyn Paul	5019 Hill Rd, Onida 13421
677 Dorothy Walker	9104 Beach Rd (Onondaga, NY 13032)
678 M. Albin	10 Troy St Wheelersburg Box 341
679 John Albin	10 Troy St Wheelersburg Box 341
680 Barbara Adams	6014 TYRROD WOODGATE 13494
681 Gary Williams	30 DELCIBDR GLEN AUBREY NY 13777
682 Dot Williams	" " " "
683 Charles R Cleveland	1162 Bear Creek Rd Woodgate
684 Louise Johnson	Bear Creek 1134 Woodgate
685 Cliff Johnson	" "
686 Nancy Skinnere	1108 Bearcreek, Woodgate, N.Y.
687 J Bugant	1321 BEARCREEK WOODGATE, N.Y.
688 Jerald T. Noon	12138 RT 28
689 Jerry Winters	1145 Bear Creek Rd woodgate N.Y.
690 Irene Winters	1145 Bear Creek Rd woodgate

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	NAME	ADDRESS
691	Bill Rockhill 4 Shiv	1530 BEAR CREEK RD WOODGATE
692	Jim Mon	1680 Bear Creek Rd. Woodgate, N.Y.
693	Shelma W. Coy	Bear Creek Rd Woodgate

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To: Marita Hines From: Caroline Wekselbaum

By: USPS Phone: 212 486 6621 (my direct line)

Fax: 202 268 4977 Pages: 3, including cover

Re: John Isley Date: June 8, 2011

☐ Urgent ☐ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☐ Please Reply ☐ Please Recycle

• Comments:

Thank you for looking into this case. Please let me know if you have questions

Caroline Wekselbaum
Office of Senator Charles Schumer, NYC
757 Third Avenue, Suite 1702
New York, NY 10017
(212) 486 4430 (tel.)
(212) 486 6621 (direct)
(212) 486 7693 (fax)
Caroline_wekselbaum@schumer.senate.gov

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICE

<input type="checkbox"/> ALBANY 110 U.S. SENATE BUILDING ALBANY, NY 12223 (518) 431-4070	<input type="checkbox"/> ANCHORAGE FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING 15 FIRST STREET ANCHORAGE, AK 99501 (907) 372-0732	<input type="checkbox"/> BUFFALO 130 SOUTH SUMMIT BUFFALO, NY 14202 (716) 846-4111	<input type="checkbox"/> HUDSON VALLEY ONE PARK PLACE SUITE 100 PLEASANTVILLE, NY 10586 (914) 234-1922	<input type="checkbox"/> LONG ISLAND TWO GREENWAY PLAZA 145 FINE LANE ROAD ROOM 200A MELVILLE, NY 11747 (631) 752-0978	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW YORK CITY 187 THIRD AVENUE SUITE 1702 NEW YORK, NY 10017 (212) 486-4430 1-800-435-4676	<input type="checkbox"/> ROCHESTER KENNETH E. KEATING BUILDING 100 STATE STREET ROOM 2045 ROCHESTER, NY 14614 (716) 422-9471	<input type="checkbox"/> SYRACUSE 100 SOUTH CLINTON ROOM 841 SYRACUSE, NY 13202 (315) 422-9471	<input type="checkbox"/> WASHINGTON 313 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, DC 20510 (202) 224-6642 TDD: (202) 224-0470
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 8, 2011

Marita Hines
Office of Government Relations
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260

Re: John Isley
PO Box 52
Woodgate, NY 13494

Dear Ms. Hines:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, John Isley, regarding an issue that falls under the jurisdiction of the United States Postal Service. Any assistance or information you could provide would be greatly appreciated.










For your review I have attached the related correspondence. I know I can count on your cooperation in reviewing the self-explanatory material and advising me of your findings as expeditiously as possible. You may call Caroline at my NYC Office at 212-486-4430 if there are any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Schumer
Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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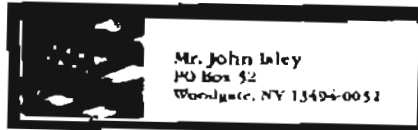
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 ALBANY 100 W. TROTTENBENDS ALBANY, NY 12227 518-332-4030	 TEANECK/ROCK PO BOX 3000 TEANECK, NJ 07666 (201) 274-7400	 BRUSHY 170 SOUTH OGDON BRUSHY, NY 14202 (716) 685-0000	 HUTTON VALLEY SUN PRAIRIE BLVD SUNNY 100 HUTTON VALLEY, NY 14075 (716) 775-0331	 LONG ISLAND Two Greenview Plaza LINDEN, NJ 07036 201-224-0178	 NEW YORK CITY 157 Third Avenue Suite 1702 NEW YORK, NY 10003 212-693-0000	 ROCHESTER 1000 N. DEARBORN BUILDING 100 EAST STREET ROCHESTER, NY 14604 716-463-6674	 SACRAMENTO 105 SOUTH CLAYTON SACRAMENTO, CA 95811 (916) 425-6474	 WASHINGTON 313 HART SQUARE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, DC 20510 (202) 775-2000
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Senator Charles E. Schumer
757 Third Avenue
Suite 17-02
New York, NY 10017

Dear Senator Schumer:

RE: Docket #1388180-13494-Woodgate NY

The U.S. Postal Service has informed your constituents who live and/or work in the community of Woodgate that their Post Office, the Woodgate Post Office, will be closed.

As you may know, current law prohibits the Postal Service from closing or consolidating a Post Office solely because the individual Post Office may have expenses that exceed revenue. Congress has created this safeguard against terminating a Post Office for two reasons. First, the law protects small and rural communities – postal-dependent areas – from wholesale Post Office closures that will have a dramatic adverse impact on the communities. Second, Post Offices are part of a universal communications network. Each unit cannot be evaluated independently, since revenue for a mail piece may be earned in one community and the value added in delivery is accrued in another. In order to ensure nondiscriminatory mail service throughout the nation, Congress obligates the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular mail service to rural areas, communities and small towns where Post Offices are not self-sustaining. In our view, the Postal Service's proposal to close the Woodgate Post Office will reduce mail service to your constituents and cause adverse effects to our community. It is also important to note that, according to the Postal Regulatory Commission, maintaining all small and rural Post Offices amounts to less than 0.7% of the Postal Service's operating budget.

The Postal Service may propose a number of unacceptable options to placate – none of them are acceptable. The Postal Service may propose to replace our Post Office with a "community postal unit". This type of leased or sub-leased privatized operation tends to hire unqualified workers, who will undermine the sanctity of our mail. Moreover, once these units replace a Post Office, the statutory protections providing nondiscriminatory mail service are null and void. Another option the Postal Service may propose is the creation of rural or cluster box service. Clearly, this is not the type of service envisioned when Congress required the Postal Service to provide "a maximum degree of effective and regular mail service to rural areas, communities and small towns". Moreover, this type of service would require us to await the letter carrier at our mail box to receive postal services, which could include certified mail, express mail, and postal money orders. If mail must be signed for, we would need to travel to the closest "real" Post Office which is miles away. Finally, the Postal Service may propose to consolidate our Post Office with another Post Office. We will lose our community identity and the consolidation would have dramatic impact upon our community's economy.

We appreciate your concern about your constituents in Woodgate, and hope that you will aggressively fight to protect the Woodgate Post Office from closure.

Respectfully,

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June 29, 2011

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator
757 Third Avenue, Suite 1702
New York, NY 10017-2013

Dear Senator Schumer:

This is in response to your June 8 correspondence on behalf of Mr. John Isley of Woodgate, regarding the Post Office in that community.

Thank you for sharing Mr. Isley's concerns. As you are aware, the U.S. Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. As a result of dramatic declines in mail volume, the Postal Service continues to experience significantly reduced revenue. In fact, over the past five years, mail volume has declined by 43.1 billion pieces, customer visits have decreased by 200 million, and retail transactions have diminished by \$2 billion. In order to sustain universal mail service to the American people, we are taking every action within our control to cut costs and streamline operations across the organization.

Albany District officials confirm that the Woodgate Post Office is being studied for possible discontinuance. The study is ongoing, and no final decision has been made. Please be assured that postal officials are devoting careful attention to this study, and customers will be notified in advance of any changes that may affect service in their area.

During this process, postal managers will consider the effect on the community and postal employees, the ability to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the affected community, and potential economic savings. Customers of an office considered for closing are provided opportunities, through questionnaires and public meetings, to share their concerns and views both on the action and on mail service alternatives. Before the Postal Service makes a decision to close or consolidate an independent Post Office, we comply with all the stipulations mandated by federal law. All final decisions are subject to review by the independent Postal Regulatory Commission, and the discontinuance procedures contained in Title 39, United States Code, are exercised before an independent Post Office can be permanently closed. If an office is closed, the office name is retained for use in local mailing addresses to preserve community identity.

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Please be assured that any decision to discontinue operations at the Woodgate Post Office will carefully balance our universal service responsibility and our statutory duty to operate in an efficient manner. Consideration of such matters will help ensure that the Postal Service furnishes a maximum degree of regular and effective postal services to the community well into the future.

Thank you for writing. If I can be of assistance in the future, please let me know.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Ken Currier
Manager, Government Relations

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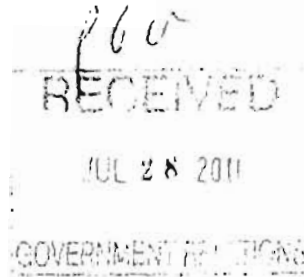
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To: Maria Hines

From: Caroline Wekselbaum

Of: USPS

Phone: 212 486 6621 (my direct line)

Fax: 202 268 4977

Pages: 3, including cover

Re: Karen Dwyer

Date: July 22, 2011

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• Comments:

Thank you for looking into this case. Please let me know if you have questions.

Caroline Wekselbaum
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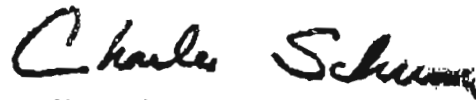
Re: Karen Dwyer
PO Box 45
Woodgate, NY 13494

Dear Ms. Hines:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Karen Dwyer, regarding an issue that falls under the jurisdiction of the United States Postal Service. Any assistance or information you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

For your review I have attached the related correspondence. I know I can count on your cooperation in reviewing the self-explanatory material and advising me of your findings as expeditiously as possible. You may call Caroline at my NYC Office at 212-486-4430 if there are any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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Senator Charles E. Schumer
757 Third Avenue
Suite 17-02
New York, NY 10017

Dear Senator Schumer:

RE: Docket #1388180-13494-Woodgate NY

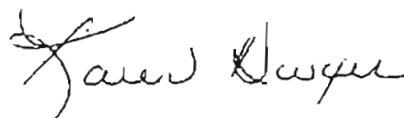
The U.S. Postal Service has informed your constituents who live and/or work in the community of Woodgate that their Post Office, the Woodgate Post Office, will be closed.

As you may know, current law prohibits the Postal Service from closing or consolidating a Post Office solely because the individual Post Office may have expenses that exceed revenue. Congress has created this safeguard against terminating a Post Office for two reasons. First, the law protects small and rural communities – postal-dependent areas – from wholesale Post Office closures that will have a dramatic adverse impact on the communities. Second, Post Offices are part of a universal communications network. Each unit cannot be evaluated independently, since revenue for a mail piece may be earned in one community and the value added in delivery is accrued in another. In order to ensure nondiscriminatory mail service throughout the nation, Congress obligates the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular mail service to rural areas, communities and small towns where Post Offices are not self-sustaining. In our view, the Postal Service's proposal to close the Woodgate Post Office will reduce mail service to your constituents and cause adverse effects to our community. It is also important to note that, according to the Postal Regulatory Commission, maintaining all small and rural Post Offices amounts to less than 0.7% of the Postal Service's operating budget.

The Postal Service may propose a number of unacceptable options to placate – none of them are acceptable. The Postal Service may propose to replace our Post Office with a "community postal unit". This type of leased or sub-leased privatized operation tends to hire unqualified workers, who will undermine the sanctity of our mail. Moreover, once these units replace a Post Office, the statutory protections providing nondiscriminatory mail service are null and void. Another option the Postal Service may propose is the creation of rural or cluster box service. Clearly, this is not the type of service envisioned when Congress required the Postal Service to provide "a maximum degree of effective and regular mail service to rural areas, communities and small towns". Moreover, this type of service would require us to await the letter carrier at our mail box to receive postal services, which could include certified mail, express mail, and postal money orders. If mail must be signed for, we would need to travel to the closest "real" Post Office which is miles away. Finally, the Postal Service may propose to consolidate our Post Office with another Post Office. We will lose our community identity and the consolidation would have dramatic impact upon our community's economy.

We appreciate your concern about your constituents in Woodgate, and hope that you will aggressively fight to protect the Woodgate Post Office from closure.

Respectfully,



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August 23, 2011

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator
757 Third Avenue, Suite 1702
New York, NY 10017-2013

Dear Senator Schumer:

This is in response to your July 22 correspondence on behalf of Ms. Karen Dwyer of Woodgate, regarding the Post Office in that community.

Thank you for sharing Ms. Dwyer's comments. I recognize your interest in ensuring that all of your constituents continue to have convenient access to essential postal services. As you are aware, the U.S. Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. Over the past five years our customers' needs have changed dramatically—mail volume has declined by 43.1 billion pieces, customer visits have decreased by 200 million, and retail transactions have diminished by \$2 billion. In addition, more than 35 percent of the Postal Service's retail sales are now conducted in expanded access locations outside of traditional Post Offices. In spite of this, the Postal Service has an extensive retail network of nearly 32,000 Post Offices, stations, and branches that has been virtually untouched.

Accordingly, the Postal Service is currently evaluating its retail network to ensure it is correctly aligned to reflect changes in mail volume and customer demand. When studying the existing retail infrastructure, the Postal Service examines the effects of a proposed discontinuance on the community and postal employees, the ability to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the affected community, and potential economic savings. Customers are provided opportunities, through questionnaires and public meetings, to share their concerns and views both on the proposed action and mail service alternatives. Before the Postal Service makes a decision to close or consolidate an independent Post Office, we comply with all the stipulations mandated by federal law. All final decisions are subject to review by the independent Postal Regulatory Commission, and the discontinuance procedures contained in Title 39, United States Code, are exercised before an independent Post Office can be permanently closed. If an office is closed, the office name is retained for use in local mailing addresses to preserve community identity.

Proposal Checklist

Section I

Responsiveness to Community Postal Needs

Tell what we are doing and why.

Is reason for discontinuance justified and documented in the record?

If suspended, what type of alternate service customers are now receiving?

Reason for vacancy and information on postmaster/OIC

Number of customers and type of service they received and will receive.

Hours of service, daily window transaction average, number of permit mailers, and postage meter users.

Last three fiscal years of revenue and revenue units.

Decline in service workload/reduction in EAS level, if appropriate.

Nearest Post Office, office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.

Administrative/emanating office — office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.

If the nearby/administrative Post Office has a different Post Office box fee schedule, this is stated in the proposal.

Preproposal activities — questionnaires: number of favorable, unfavorable and no opinion responses must equal the total number of questionnaires returned. List customer concerns and Postal Service responses.

Community meeting. Number of customers who attended, customer concerns, and Postal Service responses.

Information on petitions and congressional inquiries included with Postal Service responses.

Revised proposal states dates and locations the proposal was posted for 60 days. Number of comments received, customer concerns and Postal Service responses.

Advantages and disadvantages of proposed alternate service.

Any other pertinent information concerning Postal Service needs.

Section II

Effect on the Community

Brief background of area, community government, population, etc.

Number of businesses, religious institutions, schools, local government offices, social organizations, etc.

Was Post Office used as meeting place?

Was Post Office a shelter for a bus stop?

Did the Post Office have a public bulletin board?

Were government forms available at the Post Office?

Did the Post Office provide assistance to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.?

What is the historical value of the office?

Is an address change necessary?

Will the community identity be preserved?

What are the growth trends (flat, up, down)?

Were any other nonpostal items identified?

Section III

Effect on Employees

Paragraph explaining about postmaster vacancy/OIC/other career and noncareer employees of the office. If a postmaster or other employees are reassigned this must be explained and tell whether the reassignments are voluntary.

Section IV

Economic Savings

A statement of annual savings includes a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster salary (EAS-____, Minimum, no COLA)

Fringe benefits 33.5%

Rental costs, excluding utilities

Total annual costs

Less estimated cost of replacement service

Total annual savings

\$	33,168
\$	11,111
\$	13,200
\$	57,479
-	14,987
\$	42,492

A one-time expense of \$_____ will be/was incurred for installation of CBUs and parcel lockers.

Is postmaster salary based on the minimum salary without COLA?

Does postmaster salary reflect the current office evaluation?

Section V

Other Factors

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration (if appropriate).

List other factors as appropriate.

Other factors when replacement service is a CPO.

Section VI

Summary

The proposal must include a brief summary that explains why the closing or consolidation is necessary and an assessment of how those factors supporting the need for change outweigh any negative factors. In taking competing considerations into account, the need to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service must be paramount.

Section VII

Notices

Appropriate notice is made that this is a proposal and not a final determination. If a final determination is made to discontinue the office, information on the appeal process will be provided at that time.

Checklist Completed By:

Madeline Hembley

Investigative Coordinator

Date

5/24/2011

Reviewed and Certified By:

Madeline Hembley

District PO Review Coordinator

Date

5/24/2011



05/24/2011

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY
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WASHINGTON DC 20260-3500

SUBJECT Posting of the Proposal to Close
the WOODGATE Post Office
Docket No. 1388180

This is to advise you that on 05/25/2011, I will post for public comment a proposal to close the WOODGATE Post Office in Oneida, Congressional District No. 23.

If you have any questions, please call NADINE TREMBLAY District Review Coordinator at (518) 452-4085.

EDWARD PHELAN
District Manager
ALBANY PFC District

cc: Manager, Customer Service Operations
Area Manager, Public Affairs and Communications

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal



05/24/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of
WOODGATE Proposal
Docket No. 1388180 - 13494

Please post the enclosed proposal to close the WOODGATE Post Office in the lobby. The proposal must be posted in a prominent place from 05/25/2011 through close of business on 07/26/2011. The posting must last at least 60 days and the first day does not count.

Round-date stamp the cover of the proposal on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Also, post the "Invitation for Comments" next to the proposal and round-date stamp it in the same manner.

Additional copies of the proposal and comment forms are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record on which this proposal is based. Customers may read it; however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in AS-353 Guide to Privacy and the Freedom of Information Act. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address, and telephone number and contact the district for a copy of the record.

At the expiration of the posting period, further instructions will be provided. If there are any questions, please contact me at (518) 452-4085.

NADINE TREMBLAY
Post Office Review Coordinator
ALBANY PFC District

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal
Invitation for Comments
Comment Forms
Official Record

Date of Posting: 05/25/2011

Date of Removal: 07/26/2011

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

**INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE WOODGATE, NY POST OFFICE
AND EXTEND
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE**

To the customers of the Woodgate Post Office:

The Postal Service is considering the close of the Woodgate Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from 05/25/2011 through 07/26/2011 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information favorable or unfavorable regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record, which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Woodgate Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

NADINE TREMBLAY
30 KARNER RD
ALBANY, NY 12288-9992

For more information, you may call NADINE TREMBLAY at (518) 452-4085 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.



BRIAN SHEPARDSON
30 KARNER RD
ALBANY, NY 12288-9992

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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE WOODGATE, NY POST OFFICE
AND EXTEND
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1388180 - 13494

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Woodgate, NY Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Forestport Post Office, located seven miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster is reassigned on October 02, 2009. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: This is a management initiated study to determine if regular and effective service can be provided through alternate channels.

The Woodgate Post Office, an EAS-11 level, provides service from 08:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 16:45 Monday - Friday, 08:00 to 10:30 Saturday and lobby hours of 08:00 to 17:00 on Monday - Friday and 08:00 to 11:00 on Saturday to 126 post office box or general delivery customers and 96 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 21 transaction(s) accounting for 25 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$52,361 (137 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$45,198 (118 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$35,957 (94 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On May 12, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Woodgate Post Office lobby (Open House style format) to answer questions and provide information to customers. 94 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On May 03, 2011, 127 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Woodgate Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Woodgate Post Office. 102 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 4 favorable, 59 unfavorable, and 39 expressed no opinion.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Forestport Post Office, an EAS-15 level office. Window service hours at the Forestport Post Office are from 09:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 16:45, Monday through Friday, and 09:30 to 11:00 on Saturday. There are 431 post office boxes available.

The following concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

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| 1. Concern: | Customer asked to reference the proximity of the Thendara, Old Forge, Eagle Bay and Inlet Post Office and delivery by boat to Lake residents on chart presented at community meeting. |
| Response: | The customer comment has been duly noted and the chart has been included in the official record. |
| 2. Concern: | Customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community |
| Response: | Carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the Forestport post office located 7.0 miles away. |
| 3. Concern: | Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup |
| Response: | Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to 1/4 mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport. |
| 4. Concern: | Customer expressed a concern about seasonal residents using the Post Office daily. |
| Response: | Seasonal residents can also obtain street delivery. |
| 5. Concern: | Customer expressed a concern about the library sharing the water well and supply with the post office and therefore closure would require a new well. |
| Response: | Per the lease agreement, this is the responsibility of the lessor. |

6. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern that summer residents had not returned to the area yet and would not have an opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns.
- Response:** There are a number of posting requirements and comment periods before any final decision or implementation would be made. All customers will have several opportunities to ask questions and make comments.
7. **Concern:** Customer submitted 2 page letter titled Dear Uncle Sam.
- Response:** The letter has been entered into the official record.
8. **Concern:** Customer suggested consideration to close Alder Creek Post Office instead because the facility is located less than two miles from the Forestport Post Office and is less profitable; serving a smaller area.
- Response:** Post Office with an incumbent Postmaster can not be studied for discontinuance.
9. **Concern:** Customer suggested to save money set up small wind turbines atop Post Office across America, thus providing inexpensive energy and providing jobs to American workers.
- Response:** The customer's comments have been duly noted and added to the official record.
10. **Concern:** Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained
- Response:** Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.
11. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern about having to erect a rural mailbox
- Response:** Customers are not required to erect rural mailboxes. Customers may receive PO Box service from the Forestport Post Office located 7.0 miles away.
12. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity
- Response:** A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Woodgate Post Office name and ZIP Code in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.
13. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to Forestport Post Office to pick up their mail
- Response:** Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the Forestport postmaster.
14. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community
- Response:** The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.
15. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern that postal employees at the Forestport Post Office are rude

- Response:** Employee courtesy is always a concern of postal managers. Postal employees receive periodic instructions regarding employee courtesy. We do not condone our employees' execution of their duties in an unprofessional or discourteous manner. This concern will be conveyed to the postmaster by the manager, post office operations.
16. **Concern:** Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes
- Response:** The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
17. **Concern:** Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance
- Response:** Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an positive annual savings.
18. **Concern:** Customers said they would miss the special attention and assistance provided by the personnel at the Woodgate Post Office.
- Response:** The Forestport Post Office will continue to provide courteous and helpful service. Special assistance will be provided as needed.
19. **Concern:** Customers wanted to know why the customer lines were so long at the Forestport Post Office
- Response:** The Forestport Post Office serves a much larger community and has a heavier retail window workload. This concern has been brought to the attention of the Forestport postmaster so can monitor window operations and ensure that customers do not have an unreasonable wait to obtain services. The carrier can provide retail services, alleviating the need for customers to go to the post office for service.
20. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about growth in the community
- Response:** The growth of a community does not depend on the location of a post office. Based on information obtained by the Postal Service, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service will be able to accommodate future growth.
21. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about loss of employment in the community
- Response:** The postmaster position is vacant and there is no guarantee that any replacement postmaster would be from the community.
22. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about mail security
- Response:** Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.
23. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier
- Response:** Retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most

orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

24. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens
- Response:** Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the Forestport postmaster for more information.
25. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the loss of a gathering place and an information center.
- Response:** Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other businesses, churches and residences in town.
26. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows
- Response:** Please contact the Forestport postmaster to determine the proper mailbox location and installation method that would help alleviate this concern. Placing the mailbox on a long, swinging horizontal pipe is one method often used to avoid damage by snowplows.
27. **Concern:** You expressed a concern that they requested and were denied rural delivery service
- Response:** There are several guidelines which must be met prior to a road being approved for delivery. The road to be traveled must be at least 14 feet wide and maintained at all times of the year. It cannot dead end in a private driveway even if the drive is maintained by a municipality. There must be a suitable turning point provided for the carrier, preferably with no backing. If backing is involved, there are other guidelines to adhere to. If backing is necessitated, the Postmaster must verify it is in a low-traffic area and there are no children in the immediate vicinity on a regular basis. There must also be a minimum of one family per one-half mile of travel.
28. **Concern:** You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Based on customer feedback regarding cost associated with travel, the Postal Service is also reviewing the possibility of a Village Post Office. If applicable, this would afford the community a chance to keep their PO Boxes in a centralized location within the community.

29. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about their 911 address

Response:

911 addresses are generally given by the county's 911 coordinator. The Postal Service does not establish 911 addresses. Any questions concerning your 911 address should be directed to the county's 911 coordinator.

30. **Concern:**

Customers felt inclement weather and poor road conditions might impede delivery

Response:

Both inclement weather and heavy mail volume can cause deviations from the normal delivery schedule. However, the carrier is required to provide a vehicle of adequate size, equipped with necessary equipment (chains or snow tires, warning lights or signs, etc.) to serve the route safely and efficiently and in accordance with federal, state, and local motor vehicle laws and regulations.

31. **Concern:**

Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Concern was also expressed that too much money was spent in the larger cities

Response:

Concern was also expressed that too much money was spent in the larger cities. Carrier service can be and, in this case, is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and a postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of approximately total savings. Additional funds are necessary in larger cities because of a greater workload. Larger cities often realize greater revenue which can offset their greater expenses.

32. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about a change of address

Response:

Customers who retain their PO Box or currently have street delivery WILL NOT be required to change their address. ONLY customers electing to close their PO Box and begin street delivery would be required to change their address, if a final determination is made to close or consolidate this office. 911 addresses are generally given by the county's 911 coordinator. The Postal Service does not establish 911 addresses. Any questions concerning your 911 address should be directed to the county's 911 coordinator.

33. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels

Response:

If you live less than one-half mile from the line of travel, the carrier will attempt delivery of accountable items and large parcels to the customer's residence. If the live over one-half mile away or is not home when delivery is attempted, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Large parcels will be left outside the mailbox or at a designated location or a notice will be left in the mailbox. Attempted delivery items will be taken back to the Forestport Post Office. Customers may pick up the item at the post office, request redelivery on another day or authorize delivery to another party.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Woodgate is an unincorporated community located in Oneida County. The community is administered politically by none known. Police protection is provided by the Remsen State Police. Fire protection is provided by the Woodgate Fire Department. The community is comprised of retirees, commuters, self-employed, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: none . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Woodgate Post Office will be available at the Forestport Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Forestport Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

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| 1. Concern: | Customer expressed a concern about the library sharing the water well and supply with the post office and therefore closure would require a new well. |
| Response: | Per the lease agreement, this is the responsibility of the lessor. |
| 2. Concern: | Customer expressed a concern about the loss of the community bulletin board at the Post Office. |
| Response: | Many retail outlets and grocery stores are now displaying a public bulletin board in which items can be posted for sale, and/or lost and found items can be posted, and a variety of other information. |
| 3. Concern: | Customer expressed a concern that the Fire Department leases the building to the Postal Service and in turn uses the lease money to purchase new trucks. With the loss of income, the local taxpayer will have to make the difference to finance emergency services for the community. |
| Response: | If a final decision is made to close the post office we will abide by the terms of the lease. |
| 4. Concern: | Customer submitted a map for the official record. |
| Response: | The map has been entered into the record. |
| 5. Concern: | Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity |

Response:

A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Woodgate Post Office name and ZIP Code in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

6. Concern:

Customers felt the loss of a post office would have a detrimental effect on the business community

Response:

Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and these will always be provided to the Woodgate Post Office community. There is no indication that the business community will be adversely affected. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the post office is discontinued.

7. Concern:

Customers were concerned about the loss of a gathering place and an information center.

Response:

Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other businesses, churches and residences in town.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster retired on October 02, 2009. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. .

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 42,492 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA)	\$ 33,168
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 11,111
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 13,200</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 57,479
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 14,987</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 42,492</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Woodgate, NY Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Forestport Post Office, located seven miles away.

The postmaster retired on October 02, 2009. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Woodgate Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 126 PO Box or general delivery customers and 96 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 21. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a post office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$42,492 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Woodgate Post Office and Forestport Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



BRIAN SHEPARDSON
Manager, Post Office Operations

05/25/2011
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the WOODGATE Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date



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07/22/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Instructions for Posting the "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration"

At the close of business on 07/26/2011 take down the "Proposal" and the "Invitation for Comments" from the lobby. Round-date stamp them upon removal and verify that the mandatory 60-day posting period was observed. The proposal and invitation for comments must be posted for at least 60 days, and the first day does not count.

On the same day, prominently post in the lobby the enclosed "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration." The notice should remain posted until you receive further notice from this office.

Please return the posted "Proposal," "Invitation for Comments," the official record, and any related discontinuance materials to this office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nadine Tremblay".

NADINE TREMBLAY
Post Office Review Coordinator
30 KARNER RD
ALBANY, NY 12288-9992



A. Office

Name: WOODGATE State: NY Zip Code: 13494
Area: NORTHEAST District: ALBANY PFC
Congressional District: 23 County: ONEIDA
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 359480
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 36. The round dated copies of the proposal have been received.

Prepared by: Nadine Tremblay
Title: ALBANY PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (518) 452-4085

Date: 09/20/2011
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The Postal Service is considering the close of the Woodgate Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

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Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Woodgate Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

NADINE TREMBLAY
30 KARNER RD
ALBANY, NY 12288-9992

For more information, you may call NADINE TREMBLAY at (518) 452-4085 or write to the above address.

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BRIAN SHEPARDSON
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**NOTICE OF TAKING PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS
UNDER INTERNAL CONSIDERATION**

Date 07/22/2011

Postal Customers of the Woodgate Post Office: The Postal Service appreciates receiving the views of those of you who submitted comments on the proposal to close the Woodgate Post Office, which was posted 05/25/2011 through 07/26/2011. These comments will be considered carefully as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels within the Postal Service.

When a final decision is made by the Postal Service, that decision will be posted in place of this notice. If the decision is to approve the proposal, any customer of the Woodgate Post Office who disagrees will have the right to appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michelle Krul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MICHELLE KRUL
30 KARNER RD
ALBANY, NY 12288-9992